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Reds clarify attitude on diplomatic relations HUTCHISON TO PEKING

London, February 1.
Communist China has agreed to establish diplomatic relations with Britain with no strings attached, informed sources revealed today.

Russia rejects French protest

Paris, February 1.
The Soviet Embassy here today rejected the French protest against Russian recognition of the Ho Chi-minh "Government" in Indo-China.

Li says he's trying to get U.S. aid

Taipei, February 1.
Acting President Li Tsung-jen notified the Chinese Nationalist Government today that he had no intentions of returning to Taiwan in the immediate future.

The disclosure followed the official Foreign Office announcement that the Communist regime had clarified its unprecedented delay in accepting British recognition, which was extended on January 6. It said a British diplomat was en route to Peking to discuss "preliminary and procedural" matters in connection with the establishment of relations.

The Communists' first reply to the British offer of recognition was a suggestion that a British diplomat go to Peking to negotiate on the "question."

It was felt here that the Communists were seeking to establish conditions for accepting recognition, but Foreign Office sources said today that no conditions were attached.

The Communist delay in accepting the British recognition was described as "unprecedented."

The Foreign Office announcement today said: "In the light of an oral clarification on their attitude regarding their relations with His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, which the Central People's Government of China made to His Majesty's Consul-General early this week, Mr. J. C. Hutchison, now in Nan-king, has been instructed to proceed in his capacity as His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires to discuss preliminary and procedural matters relating to the establishment of diplomatic relations."

Hutchison going to Peking

Mr. J. Hutchison, British Charge d'Affaires to the Chinese People's Government, will shortly go to Peking to take up his post, it was learned in usually well-informed quarters today.

He has been waiting in Nan-king for a Chinese Government reply to a British request for clarification of a proposal that a British mission should go to Peking to discuss conditions for establishing diplomatic relations.

Britain recognised the Communist Government on January 6. Peking's reply suggested that the British Charge d'Affaires in China should go to Peking for negotiations.

The British Consul-General in Peking, Mr. W. G. Graham, was instructed to seek clarification on what the Chinese Government wished to negotiate about.

The British hold that a mutual decision to recognise is sufficient to establish diplomatic relations without discussions.

The Chinese Foreign Minister Mr. Chou En-lai, is at present negotiating in Moscow.

A Reuters despatch from New Delhi adds that the Government of India has directed Mr. A. K. Sen, its Charge d'Affaires in Peking, to go to Peking in a fortnight's time to discuss "preliminary and procedural matters" for the exchange of diplomatic missions with the Communist Government in China.

Mr. Sen was learned from Indian External Affairs Ministry sources today.

What to offer for "neutrality"

Meanwhile, the United States and the West in general were today urged by the "Manchester Guardian" (Liberal) to consider what they could offer Communist China to attract her into "neutrality."

treats Mao (the Chinese Communist leader) as a satellite it will have lost the game; for if Mao is willing to be a satellite, which is unlikely, his colleagues in the long run would repudiate him.

Soviet recognition of the Government of Ho Chi-minh in Indo-China will disturb not Communist Vietnamese who were hesitant about supporting the French, but reported government of ex-Emperor Bao Dai, according to observers in Saigon today, states another Reuters message.

More social disturbances are forecast. Today political prisoners interned in China camp near Saigon, were beginning a hunger strike to demand better conditions.

Observers thought that as Dr. Ho's Foreign Minister, Giam, said two days ago, the morale and fighting spirit of his army would be greatly increased, while action and propaganda in French-occupied towns would be stepped up.

In French and Bao Dai circles, there was anxiety over the situation on the Chinese border. The military position in Tongking, where Dr. Ho's Vietnamese movement has some 80,000 well-armed men, could become serious for the French if Chinese Communists brought men and materials to Dr. Ho's aid.

Some leading Vietnamese here said they thought the Indo-China war might come to a stalemate. They described Vietnam as "a theatre in the struggle between Communism and Democracy" with two governments each recognised by different blocs and each supported by sections of the people, but with no clear frontier between their territory.

United Press and Reuters.

Soekarno Inspects Navy



President Soekarno of the United States of Indonesia inspects one of the two warships turned over to his country by Holland. The ships are 3,000-ton corvettes. Indonesia is to get two more within one year together with a destroyer and a number of patrol boats. (A.P. Photo).

French asked to pass Nationalist troops through Indo-China

Hoihow, Hainan Island, February 1.
Officials of Nationalist China have asked French permission for an estimated 30,000 troops trapped along the South China frontier to pass through Indo-China for evacuation by sea to Hainan Island.

Reliable information here indicates the French are giving a cold shoulder to the proposal. Another request that some 25,000 interned Nationalist soldiers in Indo-China be repatriated is getting the same treatment.

The French hope through scrupulous observation of international law to avoid trouble with Chinese Communists along their vulnerable Indo-China border. Chinese Reds already have laid political basis for penetration of Indo-

China through recognition of Ho Chi-minh's Vietnam regime.

The Nationalist request for French co-operation is being pushed by Moslem General Pai Chung-hai. Most troops compressed against the Indo-China border by Chinese Communists are under his now tenuous command.

It was learned reliably that Pai offered his troops to fight against the French, which was rebuffed by French rule. His representatives are reported to have approached French-sponsored, Bao Dai's regime in Indo-China with the offer.

Pai is in Taipei conferring with Nationalist officials on means of salvaging remnants of his army. His 200,000-man, force three months ago was the powerful single Nationalist force remaining on the Chinese mainland.

Only some 3,000 troops of that army were evacuated to Hainan after their disastrous defeat in Kwangsi Province.

Air drops
Pai's Deputy Chief of Staff, General Shu Chu-yi, said today an average of two flights a day are made from Hoihow airfield to drop arms, ammunition and medical supplies to units scattered along the Indo-China border.

He said Pai's headquarters here was in radio contact with those units which total about 40,000 men.

Shu claimed that a large part of Pai's original force, other than those troops along the Indo-China border, still are intact and awaiting orders. He said these were Pai's personal Kwangsi troops who have been scattered to their homes rather than face overwhelming Communist odds.

Nationalist warplanes stepped up attacks on Communist troop concentrations on the Luichow Peninsula and on invasion craft on the South China coast. Air Force headquarters in Taipei declared that the Nationalist Navy had been ordered to attack the Communist forces in Hainan.

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Three Tramways Union officials deported

Chairman, two others ordered to leave HK

Government yesterday deported Lau Fat, Chairman of the Hong Kong Tramway Workers Union, and two other officials of the Union, Chik Wan and Chau Cheung, under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance.

The three men were among others arrested by the police following Monday night's rioting in Russell Street. Some are still in custody, and may be either charged in open court or otherwise dealt with, after completion of investigations still proceeding, it was learned last night.

The men were believed to have been held incommunicado and it was only after the official announcement of the deportation made yesterday that their fate was known.

Symington paints bleak picture

Waco, Texas, February 1.
The Communist nations now have air and submarine superiority and an army larger than the combined field forces of the West, Mr. W. Stuart Symington, American Air Force secretary, said today.

He was addressing the graduating class at Baylor University. Mr. Symington said the Communist nations had an air force whose strength in nearly all categories was now the largest in the world and growing relatively larger month by month, the world's largest submarine fleet, and an intensive submarine development and construction program.

Behind the iron curtain is the air equipment capable of delivering a surprise attack against any part of the United States, he said. "We have no sure defence against such an attack. The black picture is that of a world in which the world's largest submarine fleet, and an intensive submarine development and construction program."

HK-JAPAN TRADE TALKS ADJOURNED

Tokyo, February 1.
Hong Kong and Occupied Japan trade conference, which began on January 16 to discuss trade possibilities for 1950, was adjourned today.

General MacArthur's Headquarters' foreign trade and commerce division officials said the exchange of views had been most beneficial to the both parties, and expressed optimism regarding prospects for future trade between the two countries.

Mr. K.M.A. Barnett, Director of Supply and Distribution for Hong Kong, is expected to leave Tokyo tomorrow to report the conference results to his Government.

COMMUNIST FLAGS IN MALAYA

Singapore, February 1.
Communist flags have appeared for the first time in two terrorist-infested areas of central Malaya, Reuters.

U.S. may have hydrogen bomb already

Washington, February 1.
Speculation that the United States may have already produced and exploded a hydrogen bomb has been raised here by President Truman's announcement that work on the bomb is to proceed.

It was noted here that the President, in his carefully worded announcement last night, said that he had directed the United States Atomic Energy Commission to "continue its work" on the bomb.

Later, he added that the work "is being" carried forward.

An announcement did not indicate how far the Commission's work on the hydrogen bomb had gone or whether an experimental bomb had been tested and exploded.

Read in the light of the very few authoritative pronouncements in recent months, the President's choice of words suggested to observers here the possibility that a bomb may have been tested and exploded in the Pacific in December or January.

Last November the United States Atomic Energy Commission formally announced that they had advised the President that a new series of tests of atomic weapons was planned at the Commission's proving grounds at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific.

More than two months have elapsed since that announcement, during which Commission officials have refused to say whether the tests have been carried out yet. They repeated that refusal today.

Aircraft protection

United States atomic energy plants, instructed by President Truman to go ahead with work on the hydrogen bomb, will have fighter aircraft protection.

The Defense Department announced that orders would shortly be given for all plants to notify it in advance if they wanted to pass within 100 miles of atomic installations in Tennessee, New Mexico and Washington State.

The same rules would apply within two miles of the coast from Norfolk to Maine—covering America's major Atlantic ports.

Planes violating the rules would be intercepted by fighters and action taken against the pilots.

Reuter.

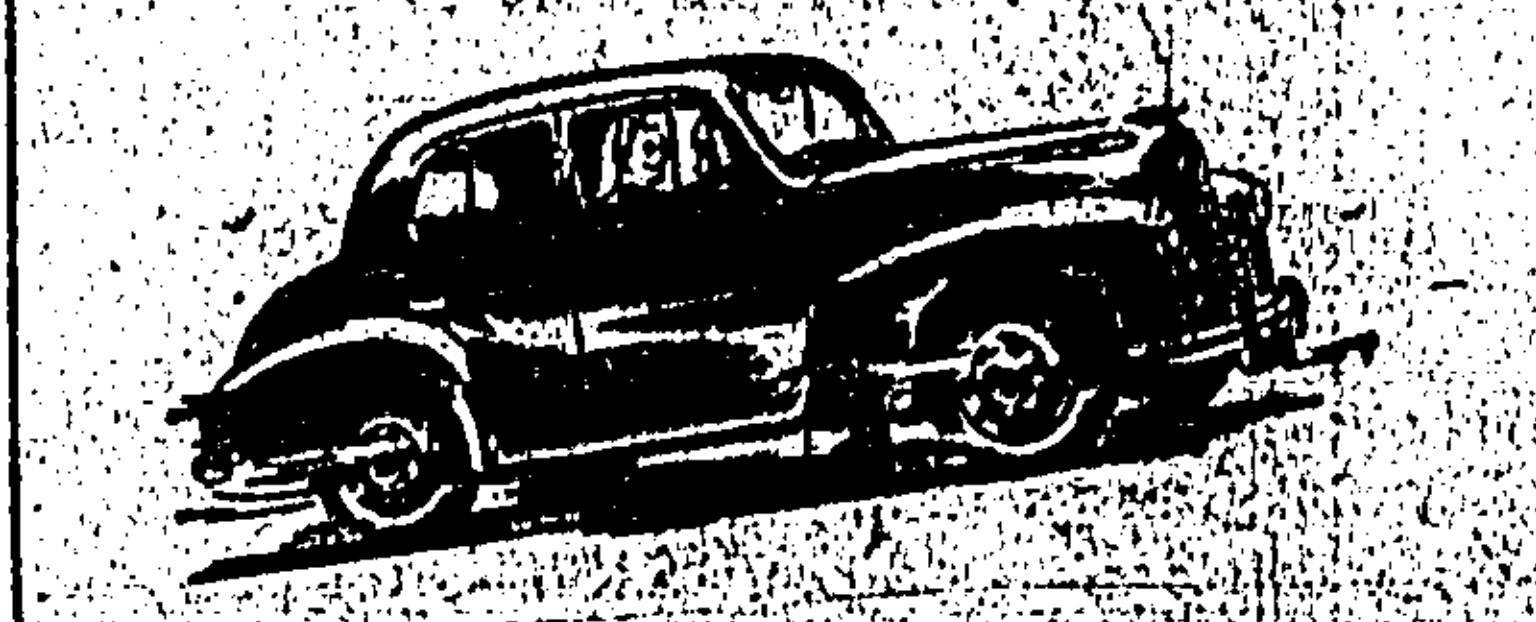
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THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (9 a.m. HKT) a Mass of high pressure from NW China is spreading SE across Southern Japan and the Ryukyus into the Pacific. The shallow depression persists over Indo-China with weak pressure gradients over the S China Sea.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh E winds, cloudy with occasional drizzle and mist patches.

Court hears application for CNAC receivership

Registration of floating population

A specific period before and following the Chinese Lunar New Year has been fixed by Government for registering the floating population.

An official statement yesterday stated that the registration of the floating population is a task of great difficulty, partly because of the mobility of this section of the community.

The 10 days before the Chinese New Year and the seven days after have been chosen for the registration of the floating population. The choice of this period will therefore cause the minimum of inconvenience to the floating population.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club, luncheon at Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Service, 7.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show and talk by Mr. Yau Ke, Helen May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Women's Union meeting, 10 a.m.
HK Union Church Ladies Guild meeting, Kennedy Road, 3 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church Concert-Supper for Forces, 7.30 p.m.
HK Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 5.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Musical Evening, 8 p.m.
IAF Association, luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tom-bu, 8 p.m.
European YMCA, Services dance, 8 p.m.
European YMCA, Women's Section, Beginner's dressmaking, 10 a.m.
SATURDAY
Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical records concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
SUNDAY
Toe H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party to Shek-O Village, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
European YMCA, Armchair Group meeting, talk by the Rev. Mr. L. Outerbridge, 8.30 p.m.

Gold smugglers in Court

"Gold smugglers" are taking advantage of the Revenue officers' nowadays," said Revenue Inspector L. Millington yesterday when five men were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Le at Central with illegally importing gold into the Colony from the ss. Shengking on January 31.

The men had between one to four tools on their persons when arrested. All the gold was concealed while two men who failed to appear in Court had their bail of \$5 estreated. The other three men were cautioned.

Mr. Millington told the Court that several of the men were employed on the ss. Shengking. They knew that Revenue officers did not arrest persons with a small amount of gold so they would make several trips to the wharf while mingling with the passengers.

"A fireman of the vessel," said Mr. Millington, was observed to have made five trips from the ship. Each time he had a gold ring on his finger when he left the ship but on his return there was no ring on his finger. On his sixth trip he was arrested by a Revenue officer and a gold bar weighing 1.65 taels in the shape of a ring was found on the middle finger of his left hand."

Another of the smugglers was found to have 3.25 taels in his mouth while a third had a bar of gold tied to his finger with a piece of cloth.

A total of about 11 taels of gold valued at over HK\$2,000 was confiscated.

Corporal Albert Drury, of the Royal Air Force, said that he was charged with the task of searching the ship for gold.

Corporal Drury was alleged to have assaulted Chan Ping, a Chinese, and to have taken him to the Nathan Road on January 31.

Proceedings in the application by Civil Air Transport, Incorporated, for a receiver in respect of the assets of the China National Aviation Corporation in open Court started yesterday at the Supreme Court.

Major General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer, named as defendants in the action, are not opposing the application.

The airline's Communist management was present as a third party to the action, which is being heard by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice.

CAT, Inc., is represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, Mr. John McNeill, and Mr. D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Wilkinson and Grist. Mr. V.J.L. d'Almada, on the instructions of Grist and Company, is representing CAT, Inc. Mr. Willauer, while Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, Mr. Percy Chen, and Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, are representing CNAC.

Earlier in the day, decision was reserved by Sir Leslie on an application for a provisional liquidator of the corporation in chambers by its American pilots.

In making the application for CAT, Mr. d'Almada told the Court that it was concerned not with any question of the shares of the corporation, but only as regards its property and assets in Hong Kong.

The claim, he continued, arises out of a purported sale of that property to the defendants on December 12 last, and the resale by the defendants to the plaintiffs on December 18. Counsel made reference to evidence of a ratification of the December 12 sale by the corporation.

An application for the re-sale was made on behalf of the plaintiffs at an ex parte hearing, and refused on January 9. Referring to that Court judgment, Mr. d'Almada said it appeared to him that the reasons for the refusal of the application were that the Court held (1) that there was no evidence as to who was in possession of the property or assets concerned; (2) that no prima facie title had been made out and that a prima facie title must be made out against both plaintiffs and defendants in the earlier actions.

To fill gaps

In this connection, Mr. d'Almada submitted that the evidence he would bring before the Court will fill the gaps which the earlier judgment left in the evidence in the application which came before him.

Counsel, quoting authorities in support, contended that upon the facts before the Court the circumstances in the case will show that, in the exercise of the Chief Justice's discretion, it is one in which the receiver should be appointed.

Mr. Wright then rose to read the evidence contained from various parts of affidavits, referred to by Mr. d'Almada, in which were disclosed among other things the transactions by which CAT, Inc., were alleged to have bought the assets from Chennault and Willauer.

The affidavit of General Chennault was also read, in which it was stated that he did not have any objections to the appointment of a receiver.

Mr. Wright also referred to Colonel Y. Liu's affidavit, in which it was said that the latter on November 9 went to Peking to see the Premier of the People's Republic for the purpose of "attaining the object for which the CNAC had been incorporated."

It was further said that the Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, had replied to Liu that he accepted the CNAC as property belonging to the Republic of China.

Mr. Wright submitted that the Premier had intended to appoint Liu as general manager of the Republic for the purpose of "attaining the object for which the CNAC had been incorporated."

When the evidence concerned had been adduced from the affidavits in question, Mr. d'Almada then strove to prove the validity of the sale of the airline by the Nationalists.

On the evidence he said it would appear to him that the other side's case—insofar as their plea of a foreign sovereign is concerned—rests upon four different statements, which were (1) that the property in question is public state property; (2) in the alternative, that the property is in the possession or control of a foreign sovereign; (3) that the possession or control is by virtue of a regulation, not necessarily in point (2); and (4) that the sale of the property and assets of the CNAC is a fraud on the people of China.

Replying to the first statement, Mr. d'Almada submitted that (1) the property of CNAC is that of a corporation; (2) possession or control, actual or constructive, is not in the defendant's hands; (3) there was no satisfactory evidence of a regulation; (4) there is no evidence that the sale of the assets of the corporation is a fraud upon the people of China.

Turning to the question of re-sale, Mr. d'Almada contended that, insofar as the property of the state or property under its control is outside the jurisdiction of the Court, it is outside the jurisdiction of the Court.

Quoting authorities in support of his contentions, counsel referred to the period immediately preceding the British de jure recognition of the Peking Government, and said that at the time the old government was still recognised, and that government was the government of CNAC and CAT to General Chennault and Mr. Willauer. That government was recognised as a de jure government by His Majesty's Government, whereby they were the proper persons to look upon at the time.

After further submissions, hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Forger gets eight months' hard labour

A sentence of eight months' hard labour was passed on Dodwell Francis Van Reyk by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday after defendant had pleaded guilty through his counsel, Mr. J. C. S. Stewart, to a charge of forgery and uttering a forged cheque.

In a plea for mitigation, Mr. Stewart said that defendant, prior to the deed which had brought him to court, had had a good record. Counsel produced character testimony which defendant received after his discharge from the Army in June, 1948.

It was stated that Van Reyk was an employee of Percy Smith and Company. On January 17, a cheque for \$8,094.60 passed through his hands, payable to the Hong Kong Government.

Defendant was said to have altered the payee's name (H.K. Government) into "W.H. & Co. Government" and had endorsed the cheque into defendant's account.

Mr. Stewart told the court that defendant is still entitled to free passage back to the United Kingdom but that this facility must be utilised within two years of his release from the Army.

Mr. Scholes, in passing sentence, said that defendant can gain remission from his sentence and be able to avail himself of his free passage to the United Kingdom before June this year.

Isbrandtsen ships not giving up attempts to trade with Shanghai

Reports that the Hans Isbrandtsen Shipping Company of New York are abandoning their attempts to trade with Shanghai were denied by the Company's Far Eastern Representative in Hong Kong yesterday.

The representative, Captain Andrew Crinkley, said that the ss. Flying Independent which is now in Hong Kong would definitely attempt to break the Shanghai blockade.

A previous report yesterday from a usually reliable source stated that the ss. Flying Independent was not going to Shanghai, but would unload all its cargo in the North China ports of Tsingtao and Taku Bar.

This source also said that it was most unlikely that any more Isbrandtsen ships would seriously attempt to break the blockade to Shanghai as long as the blockade was in full force.

To be added that until it was certain that the main channel of the Yangtze river was not mined, no Isbrandtsen ships would attempt to enter Shanghai.

Though small ships can sometimes enter Shanghai by using the uncharted, shallow North Channel of the Yangtze River, merchant ships of 2,000 tons or over must use the deeper main channel.

Isbrandtsen-Company ships are all 6,000 tons or more. If the Isbrandtsen Company has abandoned their attempts to trade with Communist Shanghai, this would bring to a close one of the most violent clashes of policy between a private company and the American State Department in recent American history.

Warned to stop In November, 1949, two Isbrandtsen ships, the ss. Flying Cloud and the ss. Sir John Franklin, were seized and detained by Nationalist warships near the Yangtze, and the American State Department warned all American shipping firms to stop trading with Shanghai.

Rather than accept this warning, the Isbrandtsen Company continued to trade with Shanghai.



The new 10,000-ton cargo ship, ss. Eastern Glory, which is expected to arrive in Hong Kong today. The ship, operated by Jardine and Matheson, is on her maiden voyage.

Merchant ship arriving on maiden voyage

A 10,000-ton merchant ship will arrive in Hong Kong today on her maiden voyage.

She is the ss. "Eastern Glory," the newest and latest addition to the fleet of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. She will berth at Buoy A-1.

Wearing the familiar house-flag and red funnel of Jardine's, she is a smart and efficient looking vessel. Built in Great Britain at Sunderland by the well-known ship-building firm of Messrs. J. L. Thompson & Sons Ltd., the "Eastern Glory" sailed from there on November 3 for Japan, where she started her present voyage to Australia.

She has a speed of 10 knots and carries approximately 10,000 tons of general cargo in five holds with commodious tween-decks and up-to-date electric cargo handling gear. She is also fitted with the latest navigational and wireless equipment including Radar, gyroscopic compasses and the Marconi Company's Ocean-span radio installation.

She has very comfortable passenger accommodation for 12 first class passengers, consisting of four rooms, well ventilated and tastefully furnished double berth staterooms and four single berth, each with adjoining bathrooms.

Verandah cafe

There is a comfortable lounge and a well-appointed dining saloon conveniently adjacent to the staterooms. A special feature is the attractive verandah cafe situated on the spacious boat deck which is ideal for deck parties, sun bathing and the general ease and recreation of passengers.

Her machinery comprises the latest type Parsons turbines driven by Foster Wheeler high pressure water tube boilers, and all auxiliaries are electric with power derived from four 150-kilowatt National diesel generators.

Under the command of Mr. L. McEneaney, one of the Indo-China S.N. Company's Senior Captains, the "Eastern Glory" is due to sail for Sydney at noon on Saturday, and is expected to arrive there on February 18.

Court brevities

Tsuna Sun, 39-year-old earth cooler, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday on two charges of assaulting a police officer and illegal distilling of wine.

Inspector G. Willerton told the Court that on Monday afternoon while he was visiting the scene of a fatal blast in Cho Kwo Ling in connection with a death inquest, he entered a dilapidated building and saw defendant bending over a still. Defendant turned around and gave him a violent kick in the stomach.

Defendant received two months on each charge, sentences to run consecutively.

Cautioned on a charge of driving without due care and attention, Chu Wing-kong, lorry driver, was fined \$150 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday for driving a vehicle with defective brakes.

Inspector J. Orem said that defendant while driving his lorry toward Talpo and when near the Shatin Police Station, rammed his vehicle into the rear of a car driven by Mr. H. D. S. Pagd causing damage to the latter's car to the extent of \$320.

After the collision, defendant turned his lorry off the road and ran into a brook.

An examination of the lorry carried out by the Traffic Department showed defective brakes.

Yan Chi-hung was fined \$100 by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to three charges of running an unlawful school.

Investigation by the authorities made at 20 Elgin Street, second floor, led to Miss Yan's appearance in court.

The investigation body reported that the flat occupied by defendant was a tenement-house accommodating four families. The report added that the premises fell short of the sanitation and safety standard required for a school.

The investigating body reported that the textbooks and addresses of the children (numbering 19 in all) showed that an unlawful school was being run on the premises.

PI LANDOWNERS SHOT DEAD

Manila, February 1. Press reports said today that an unidentified band of about 10 men killed two prominent Pangasinan landowners in their estate in all safety angles, and also a 17-year-old storekeeper "last night."

The murder victims were the brothers, Miguel and Jesus Lachon. Reports said stray bullets killed the storekeeper, Jose Quilambao. The killers could have been disgruntled tenants of the Lachons, the reports said, and robbery did not seem to be the motive.

United Press.

However, the American Government—though they did finally agree to give protection to American ships while in international waters—refused to assist the Isbrandtsen ships to break the blockade.

One Congressman wanted to know what was behind the Isbrandtsen-Company's "policy" of sending ships to the Communist port of Shanghai.

The last two Isbrandtsen ships to leave Hong Kong for Shanghai failed to break the blockade.

On January 9, the ss. Flying Arrow, loaded with a US\$10,000,000 cargo, was seriously damaged and set on fire by two attacking Nationalist warships.

Church service held for Mr. W.F. Simmons

Many friends attended the Church Service held at St. John's Cathedral yesterday for Mr. W. F. Simmons, aged 49, who died at his residence, 355 The Peak, on Monday night.

The Right Reverend Bishop R.O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, assisted by Dean Rose, officiated.

Mr. Simmons was the General Manager of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited. He is survived by his wife and daughter who are at present in England.

Mr. C.S. Johnston, represented Mrs. Simmons as the chief mourner at the service.

At the request of Mrs. Simmons the funeral service was not held but the remains were taken to the Indian Cemetery at Caroline Hill for cremation.

Many friends who attended the Church service were: Messrs. C.S. Johnston, A.R. Bennett, L.W. Stanton, E.J. Lees, J.H. Simmons, H. Branson, T.R. Rowell, T.B. Wilson, S.A. Sleep, N.V.A. Croucher, J. Forbes, J. Prentice, P.A.L. Vine, G.G. Wood, E. Jones, H. Owen-Hughes, T. Waller, F. Duckworth, W. Stoker, J. D. Alexander, R.C.E. Wiggins, J. Legh, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Paterson, Miss V. Williams, Miss E. Xavier, Miss M. Lau, Messrs. H. J. Armstrong, D. O. Silver, R.P. Phillips, P.O.B. Howe, H.B. Bailey, A.E. Coates, M.J. Medina, S.H. Lopes, F. Franklin, A.M. Xavier, J.E.P. Blenkinsop, Miss E. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. N. Fan, Mrs. P.S. Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Strellett, Mr. H. Kudoor, Mr. W.A. Jones, Inspectors H.C. Sell, W.C. Fowler, J. Bradley, J.H. Weeks and G. Parks, the Tramways Office employees including all Timekeepers, Regulators and Chinese Inspectors.

Floral tributes were sent by: The Board of Directors, Hong Kong Tramways Co. Ltd., Members of the Urban Council, Sir Robert Ho Tung, The Staff of the Hong Kong Tramways Co. Ltd., Hong Kong and Kowloon Godown Co. Ltd., Star Ferry Co. Ltd., Hong Kong Telephone Company, Talkoo Dockyard Engineering Co. Ltd., Deacons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stericker, Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Robb, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. V. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moodie, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Alabaster, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hutemeier, Mr. and Mrs. K. Neckelmann, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Bland, the Honourable and Mrs. C.E. Terry, Mr. A.W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Jack, Mr. M.W. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. J.E.P. Blenkinsop and many others.

Obituary

Dr. Max Klein

Dr. Max Klein, a respected former member of Bishop Hall's staff, died at sea yesterday on board the ss. Tak Sang while on duty at his post as ship's surgeon.

A memorial service will be held this afternoon at 4.30 at St. John's Cathedral. His body was buried at sea. Dr. Klein is survived by his widow, Mrs. F. Klein, the well-known hostess of the Church Guest House.

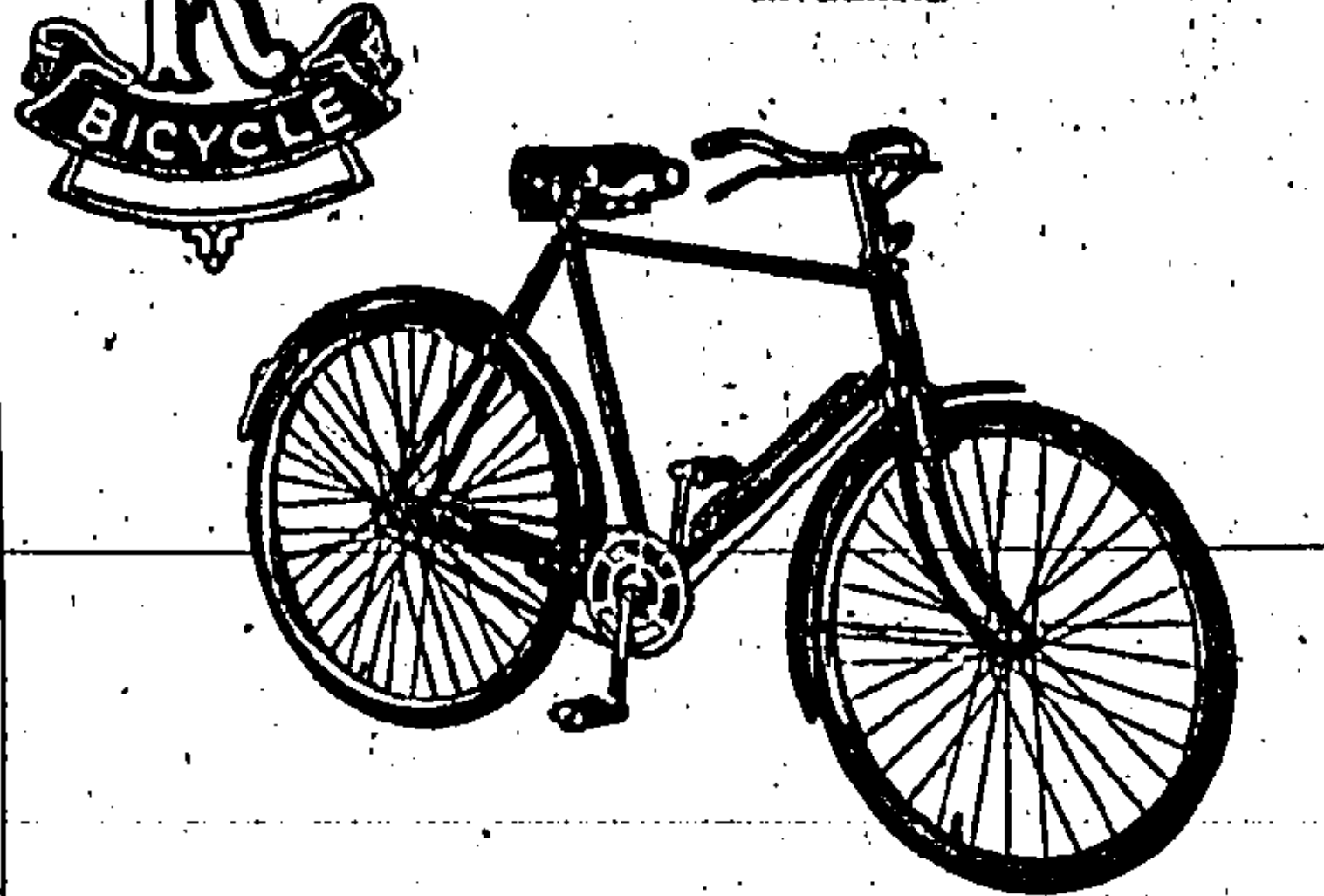
The late Dr. Klein was born in 1897 at Mannheim, Germany. He took his degree as Doctor of Medicine at the Universities of Berlin, Munich and Heidelberg. Later he went to Kwangsi and was in charge of several hospitals and refugee camps. He also served on the staff of the Kwangsi Medical College as Professor of Medicine. He had a near escape when the Japanese took over Kweilin.

Shortly before the Pacific War he came to Hong Kong. He was put in charge of the First Aid Post at the Supreme Court, and practiced as a general practitioner. During the war years he was a great help both to the internees and the foreign community.

After the hostilities Dr. Klein joined the Medical Department and later worked with UNRRA and CNRRA where his knowledge of Chinese was helpful.

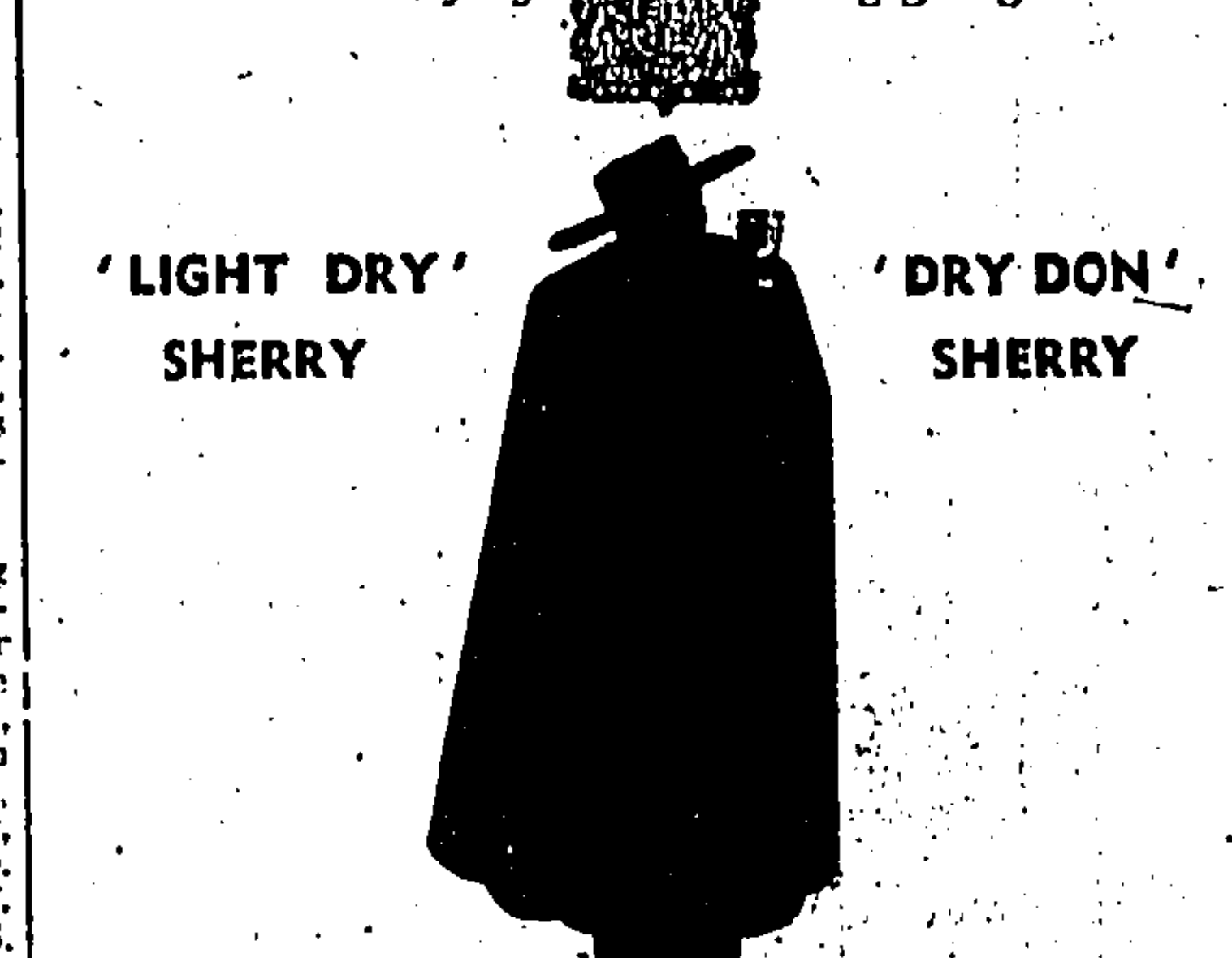
His last appointment was with Jardine Matheson as ship's surgeon, and it was at this post that he died.

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N. melanoleuca—the Black and White Cobra of Central Africa.

N. nigricollis—the Black-necked Cobra, occurring throughout Africa; there being five subspecies.

N. nivea—the Cape Cobra confined to the Southernmost part of Africa.

N. morganii—Morgan's Cobra, derived from Persia but not well known.

N. naja—the Indian Cobra common in India and ranging East into South China.

N. aspidocorpa nigra and P. goldii—Two West African arboreal Cobras.

and habits of local cobras touching on the trade carried on at Hong Kong in the sale of medicinal properties.

Epitaphoscope illustrations were then shown covering all sections of the lecture and three live specimens of Naja naja—the Egyptian Cobra of Hong Kong and the New Territories, were placed on view.

The skill and experience of Mr. Homer in handling these snakes was most impressive. The cobra Cobra in a striking position with hood extended, and to see at close range their hood markings on scale patterns.

During the questions that followed advice was given on immediate first-aid action to counteract a venomous snake-bite, Mr. Homer assuring the audience that he did not fatalities following cobra bites had been recorded in the Colony.

Thompson's body punching sometimes worried the Italian, who stood roiled across the ring in apparent agony, appealing for a foul. The Belgian referee did not intervene, however, although he spoke to the Chairman of the

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her to the movies if I give you a buck?"

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authority"

DOUBLE RESPONSIBILITY follows all the rules," as he considers them. If the Q had been led

YOU HAVE a double responsibility to your partner when it appears that the safe hope to be of a trump card. First, you should help him establish it as soon as possible, by leads of it whenever you get a chance. Second, you should do all you can to protect his re-entries in other suits until his own is set up.

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he would surely "cover an honour with an honour." But if a small card came in him, he would "play it and lead, low." That's exactly what I did.

Thereby, he handed South the contract on a silver platter. The 10 forced the A. Though West's hand was now as dead as a mummy, he led the diamond J anyway. The A won it, thus ensuring club lead was won by East. Had the situation been over for the defence, as the remaining trick was South's without a worry, giving him an extra trick.

If East had come in with his club K on the 5 lead, then he could have taken his third diamond trick. But he would have been established while still untrumped in the club A. So when South made

West	North	East	South
two more diamonds to give his side a total of five tricks			

West made his natural opponent of the diamond. It should have reckoned West for the club. A since it, doolbrook had

took the 10. with the K. Nothing that crucial third trick. — Tomorrow's Question

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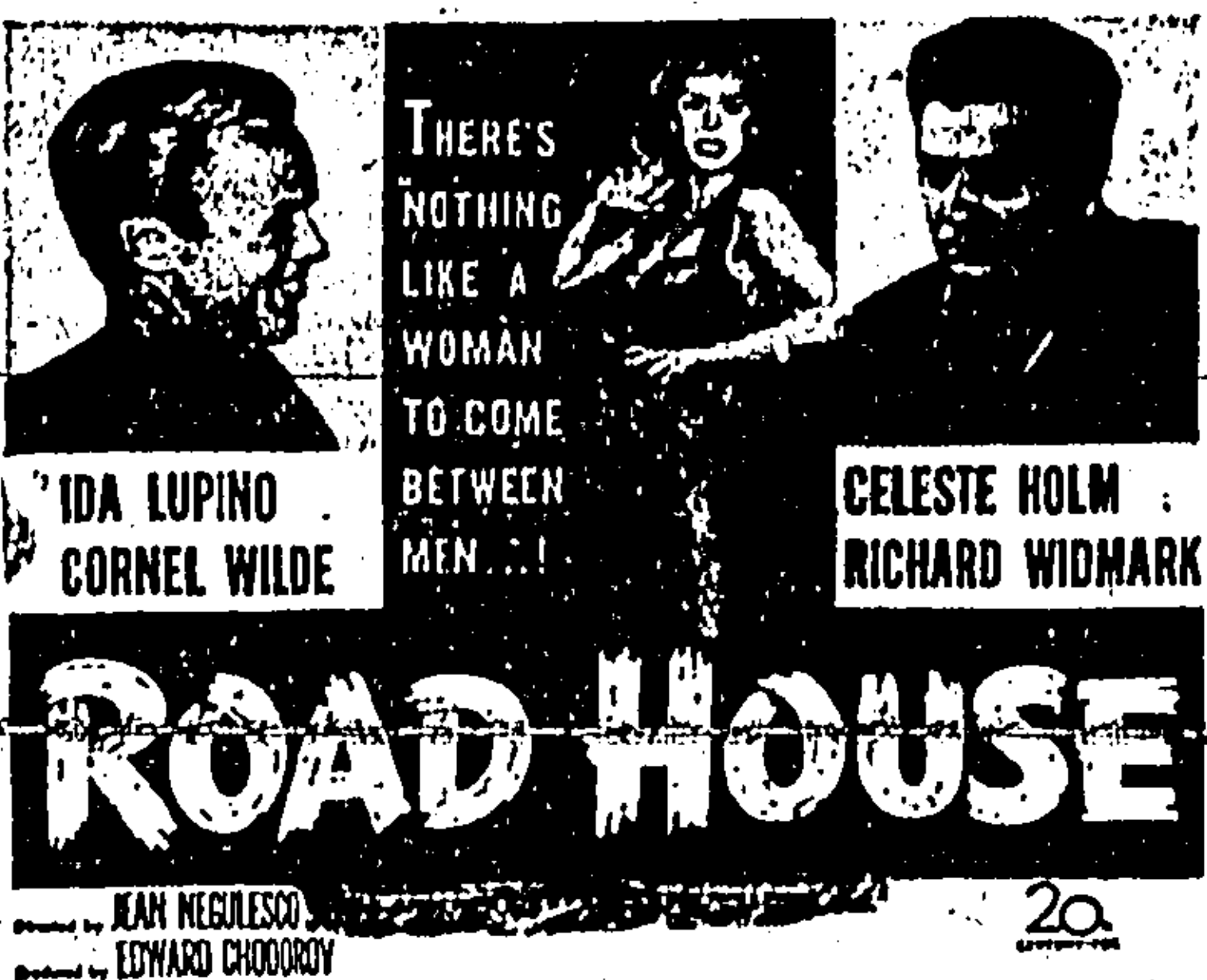
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INDIAN PRESIDENT REPEATS NATION'S DESIRE FOR PEACE

New Delhi, January 31.

India's determination to maintain peace and friendship with all nations of the world was reaffirmed here today by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India, in his address to the first Parliament of the Indian Republic.

"The Republic of India," he said, "inherits no enmities or traditional rivalries with other nations, and my Government intends continuing the policy directed towards securing peace in the world and avoiding any alignment which leads to hostilities with any nation."

BABIES WERE MYTHICAL

Glasgow, January 31.

A 20-year-old Scotswoman pleaded guilty at Glasgow to "bearing" three mythical babies, including a set of twins, and swindling a seaman out of £600 for their support.

The defendant, Mrs. Jean McElduff, was sentenced to four months in gaol.

The prosecutor said that Mrs. McElduff, separated from her husband, became intimate with the quartermaster of a ship sailing out of Glasgow.

When the seaman returned from a voyage in 1945, he told him she had given birth to twins of which he was the father. She said one had died and showed him a borrowed baby which she identified as the survivor.

The seaman accepted the story and gave her money to take care of the infant.

"While he was away on another trip in 1947," the prosecutor said, "she decided to have an addition to her mythical family. Again the father accepted it as genuine and made provision for the child."

"To support her story she borrowed a neighbour's child and took it to the quartermaster's home town and passed it off to the paternal grandfather, and grandmother as her own," Associated Press.

The court was asked last November to advise the United Nations General Assembly whether a membership application, which had failed to receive the favourable recommendation of the Security Council could be approved by the 59-nation Assembly.

Paragraph 2, Article 4, of the United Nations Charter states that the admission of any State to membership "shall be effected by a decision of the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Security Council."

The French Government will make an oral statement at the public hearing.—Reuter.

GERMAN MP GOES ON TRIAL

Neumuenster, January 31.

A West German member of Parliament was on trial before a German civil court today charged with anti-Semitism and inciting to class hatred.

Wolfgang Hedler, Parliament delegate of the Rightist German Party (DP), is accused of making inflammatory remarks at a Party rally in Einfeld on November 28.

A prosecution witness testified that Herr Hedler had described persons who plotted the abortive bomb attack on Adolf Hitler in 1944 as "traitors and hoodlums."

Hedler was also accused of having made derogatory remarks against the Jews.

Hedler denied he had termed the bomb plotters as "hoodlums" (lumpen).

He also denied making anti-Semitic remarks in speaking of the Nazi programs against the Jews.

The trial is expected to last four days. An official British observer has been assigned to the hearing.—Associated Press.

BRITON'S DEATH IN GERMANY

Berlin, January 31.

The British Military Government in Berlin announced today the death of Mr. Joseph B. Quick, a senior clerk, who was found dead in his flat in the British sector last night with a gunshot wound in the head.

An inquest was held on the body at Spandau hospital today and adjourned till early next week. No foul play is suspected, a British spokesman said.

Those who knew the late Mr. Quick said that he had recently suffered from severe attacks of depression.—Reuter.

operative relations between all countries of Asia."

India's relations with Pakistan "are as good as they should be and there are several matters in dispute between us," the President said.

In pursuance of India's policy to endeavour to help in healing "grievous wounds caused by recent events," her Government had proposed to the Pakistan Government that both Governments should make a solemn declaration for the avoidance of war as a method of settling disputes and resort to negotiation, mediation, and arbitration or reference to some international tribunal.

"I trust the Pakistan Government will accept this offer in the spirit in which it has been made and thus help to reduce the unfortunate tension that has existed between these two countries," the President added.

Stating that the dispute over the future of Kashmir was one of the principal causes of tension between India and Pakistan, the President said he wished to say nothing at this stage that might prejudice the prospect of a just and peaceful settlement by the efforts of the Security Council.

He said that India's policy that the people of the State should themselves decide freely whether they would continue to remain acceded to India, remained unaltered.

Defence spending
"But," he added, "the conditions which will make a free declaration of the will of the people possible have not yet been established. Until that happens and a plan when evil forces were endangering its security both from within and from outside, the President said.

"While the security of the country must remain a paramount obligation of my Government, we are anxious to reduce expenditure on defence so far as possible, and they propose to do so as a measure of economy as well as a gesture of peace," he declared.—Reuter.

He recalled the long contacts between the two countries and added, "I trust those friendly contacts will be maintained and will help in preserving the peace of Asia and the world."

The President said, amidst loud cheers, "India's primary interest is the freedom of peoples still subject and in the removal of all barriers that come in the way of the development of nations and peoples. She is entirely opposed to the continuation of colonial rule in any shape or form as well as to any kind of racial discrimination."

"In Asia, freedom is on the march. At the same time, there is trouble and turmoil in some parts of it. I earnestly trust that out of this turmoil will emerge peace and freedom and co-operation."

Written statements on the case have already been received from the Soviet Union, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Egypt, Czechoslovakia, the United States and the Argentine.

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Anglo-Indian relations at their best

Durham, January 31.

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the Indian High Commissioner in London, said in a speech here today that relations between Britain and India are better now than ever before in history.

More English people are living in India now than before she attained independence. They are on terms of equality with the Indians, without any artificial barriers and many are receiving higher pay than before.

Mr. Menon declared that India had taken her present position as a contribution towards international co-operation. She had chosen of her own free will to remain linked with the Commonwealth in the interest of world co-operation, peace and security.

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U.S. TO MAKE HYDROGEN BOMB

Netherlands to recognise Red China

The Hague, January 31. The Netherlands Government has decided "in principle" to recognise Communist China but the time and manner have not yet been decided upon, a Government memorandum stated today.

The memorandum in reply to remarks of members of the First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament on the 1950 budget.

The memorandum added that there will be an announcement—Reuter.

INDIA'S CLOTH EXPORTS

New Delhi, January 31. The India Government has fixed a ceiling of 800,000,000 yards of cloth for export from India during the 12 months ending August 1950, it was officially announced today.

The India Government's textile policy, according to the announcement, aims at reducing the cost to the consumer and stimulating exports.

Simultaneously with a revision of mill prices of cotton from tomorrow, excise duty on fine cloth will be reduced from six and a quarter per cent to five per cent and on superfine cloth from 25 per cent to 20 per cent.

A refund of import duty on cotton would be allowed at two annas a pound on the weight of fine and superfine textiles actually exported.

The present ceiling on price, which might be charged on exports, will be removed, retaining, however, the ceiling charged by the mill to the Indian exporter.

A modified distribution system allows the mills to dispose of one-third of their production in each variety to licensed buyers of their own choice.

The remaining two-thirds is reserved for the State Government's nominees—Reuter.

How Russia started "cold war"

New York, January 31. Mr. Allen W. Dulles, wartime head of the American Office of Strategic Services in Switzerland, said here that the Soviet Government started the "cold war" on the Allies in April, 1945, when Marshal Stalin sent President Truman "the most brutal, direct telegram he had ever received from Moscow."

The telegram was a "vehement protest" against negotiations then in progress for the surrender of all German forces in Italy. Russia wanted no progress until they had completed the occupation of the areas sought by the Kremlin, Mr. Dulles declared.

Mr. Dulles said that the Russians wanted to get to Trieste before the Allies and feared Allied occupation of the port if the surrender negotiations were successful.

He declared that a message was received from the Chiefs of Staff in Washington to proceed no further but that a frantic appeal to the then Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theatre, Field Marshal Viscount Alexander, of Britain, brought about a resumption of the talks at which Italy surrendered unconditionally—Reuter.

Bidault gets close vote of confidence

Paris, January 31. The French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault's Coalition Government, got the 1950 budget voted today in its final form by 301 votes against 284.

Earlier the Government narrowly escaped defeat and consequent resignation on one of the five votes of confidence put to the National Assembly.

The first three confidence votes concerning new taxes were voted by narrow majorities, but the fourth vote, dealing with the amount of cuts to be made in civil expenditures, was equivalent to a vote of confidence, with the same number of deputies voting for it as against—233 in each case.

The President of the Assembly came to the rescue with an interpretation based partly on the Constitution and partly on the rules of the House.

He said that the vote for or against the budget was not a vote of confidence, but a vote on the Government's motion was not accepted.

To replace the proposed motion made in the fourth confidence

Truman orders start on the super-weapon NECESSARY FOR SECURITY

Washington, January 31.

President Truman today ordered work to start on the hydrogen bomb, potentially the world's greatest weapon of mass destruction.

Ending weeks of debate on whether it is worth while developing this new super weapon—which may be 1,000 more times more destructive than the "orthodox" atom bomb—the President said in a laconic statement:

"We must see to it that our country is able to defend itself against any possible aggressor."

Estimates of the cost of this new giant have ranged from \$100,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000. It may be able to blast an area of more than 100 square miles.

The President gave the green light to the United States Atomic Energy Commission in ordering it to continue work on all forms of atomic energy—which would continue "until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved."

This was the President's statement launching the Government officially into the hunt for the new weapon.

"It is part of my responsibility as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces to see to it that our country is able to defend itself against any possible aggressor."

"Accordingly, I have directed the Atomic Energy Commission to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the so-called hydrogen or super-bomb. Like all other work in the field of atomic weapons, it is being and will be carried forward on a basis consistent with the overall objectives of our programme for peace and security."

Will continue

"This we shall continue to do until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved. We shall also continue to examine all those factors that affect our programme for peace and security."

The question of whether the United States should undertake production of the H-bomb has been under "behind-the-scenes" debate for at least four months—perhaps longer.

A Government Committee has considered it as well as key members of Congress.

The Senate House Atomic Committee has held a series of meetings about it, conferring with military leaders, scientists and others. So far as has been disclosed, this Committee has never taken a formal vote, but there have been plain indications that a majority of the group favoured trying to develop the bomb.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, developer of "heavy water" and a worker on the atom bomb dropped on Japan, four days ago quoted a report that some physicists believe that all forms of life could be extinguished over an area as wide as the United States by the radio-activity set off by the explosion of one hydrogen bomb.

He added that Russia may already be ahead with production of a hydrogen bomb.

Commission report

One physicist suggested recently that no plane could deliver the hydrogen bomb without itself being destroyed by the blast.

The hydrogen bomb physicists say that the bomb would have to have a plutonium or uranium core as a detonator creating the sun-heat capable of setting off its hydrogen lithium warhead.

In the year after the first three atom bombs were exploded, one as a test and two over Japan, the United States Navy let off several bombs at Bikini, leaving the Pacific still unfit for life even now. Ships used in the experiments remain radio-active.

The present order followed a report by the Atomic Energy Commission on its work for the last six months. It said that American production, improvement and storage of atomic weapons is reaching an ever-growing pace.

The Commission disclosed that it had begun research into the use of atomic power for "driving ships, submarines and aircraft."

A land-based prototype of a thermal reactor suitable for submarine or ship propulsion will be in the design stage soon, the Commission said in its seventh annual report to Congress.

Marine reactor

The marine reactor is being developed by the Argonne National Laboratory and the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. The Commission said detailed engineering design is expected to begin this year.

The aircraft reactor is still in the early research stage, and is being investigated by a joint body composed of Air Force and Navy Air Arm representatives and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the report disclosed.

Mr. David Lilienthal, Chairman of the Commission, told a Press conference here that in the light of security limitations, he considered that the most remarkable thing about the 188-page report was that it could be published at all.

He steered aside repeated questions on the hydrogen bomb on security grounds, but conceded that a new weapon is under discussion in the Government—"but not by us."

Little has leaked out during all the months of rumour and speculation about building H-bombs in this country. However, so far as is known, the super-bomb will presumably be constructed to "fuz" hydrogen atoms in contrast to the "fission" or splitting of uranium or plutonium atoms in the A-bomb.

Unofficial conjecture has suggested that an A-bomb, built inside the H-bomb, would be used to "trigger" the new weapon, setting off explosive forces like those on the sun.

"Only course"

Senators and Representatives generally applauded Mr. Truman's decision to go ahead with the dread weapon.

Senator Scott Lucas, Democrat of Illinois, majority leader, commented: "I pray God we may never have to use it."

But Senator Lucas said the free peoples of the world know the United States would not use the bomb "unless we are attacked by an aggressor."

Senator William Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said he felt Mr. Truman had taken the only course possible under the existing circumstances.

Bernard Baruch said President Truman's decision was a wise decision necessary for the peace of the world.

Mr. Baruch said, "It emphasizes anew the need for truly effective international control of every form of atomic energy and mass destruction."

Asked if development of the H-bomb would put the United States ahead of Russia again in atomic developments, Mr. Baruch said: "I do not know. I'm not one of those who talk about only what I know about."

British reaction

In London, Professor P. M. A. Blackett, British atomic scientist and 1940 Nobel Prize winner, declined to comment on President Truman's decision.

Professor R. M. Low, leading British physicist, thinks President Truman's decision is extremely wise.

"I think any attempt to ban or restrict work of this kind is a waste of time, for science is a world-wide activity," he said.

President Truman's decision brought the general reaction in United Nations circles of surprise and interest.

Agreement is now more urgent than ever.

THEORY OF THE HYDROGEN BOMB

New York, January 31.

The hydrogen bomb could be 10 times more destructive and lethal than the atom bomb that bombed Hiroshima. Theoretically it could be a 1,000 times more powerful.

At Hiroshima there were approximately 100,000 persons killed and another 50,000 injured. Only about one person in every dwelling within half a mile of the centre of the atomic blast escaped death or serious injury.

The hydrogen bomb, at full efficiency, would extend the ring of death to far greater distances and would probably leave no survivors. For a city to be hit by the hydrogen bomb would be like tossing that entire city into the blazing inferno of the sun. What is a hydrogen bomb and why would it be so much more powerful than an atomic bomb?

Scientists in theoretical knowledge frankly discussed the possibility of the hydrogen bomb. President Truman announced that he had ordered the Atomic Energy Commission to start work on it. Then the lid was clamped down.

However, the theory of the hydrogen bomb has been discussed for some years and, as in the case of the atomic energy theory, is no secret, not even to the Russians.

In the first place for the purposes of simplification, the hydrogen bomb might be called the "solar bomb" or "star bomb." These simple names are suggested because the hydrogen bomb exploding would be going through the process that goes on constantly in the sun and other stars.

In the case of the sun, the world receives energy and makes plant and animal life possible. Such energy, however, travels 93,000,000 miles separating the earth and sun and arrives in proper intensity so that living things on this planet are not burned or a crisp or vapourised.

Simple theory

In the case of a man-made "solar explosion" or bomb, the energy would be released at close range. The explosion might be only 10 times or less as powerful as the atomic bomb but the scientists, before secrecy was imposed, said that in theory it could be a 1,000 times as powerful.

The theory of the hydrogen or "solar" bomb is comparatively simple. It is based on the theory that enormous amounts of energy are left over when hydrogen—the lightest element known—is changed into helium, second lightest element. In contrast, the atom bomb uses the heaviest elements, uranium and plutonium. But operations are as different as night and day.

In the atomic bomb, atoms are split with resulting release of energy once locked up inside the atom.

In the hydrogen bomb, according to the theory, energy is obtained by the building up of atoms. Hence atomic bomb explosions are caused by fission or splitting and the hydrogen bomb by fusion or welding together of two different elements. Heavy hydrogen would probably have to be used.

A school child knows that by combining hydrogen with oxygen, ordinary water is formed. That is, two atoms of hydrogen with one atom of oxygen form one molecule of water. Of course, there is no explosion when such fusion occurs because no new element is being formed.

In the case of the hydrogen bomb, one element—heavy hydrogen—is being converted into another element, helium. Scientists in theory have calculated that some atomic particles are lost in such fusion and that they are accounted for in the form of enormous amounts of energy. It has been fairly well established that a somewhat similar constant change—ordinary hydrogen into helium—goes on constantly in the sun thus giving warmth and energy on the earth. It is believed that light from stars comes from the same source.

Double action

In years gone by, however, scientists believed that man-made hydrogen-helium transmutation would be only a dream because enormous amounts of heat—more heat than any furnace could

stand—would be necessary to force the nucleus of hydrogen into nucleus-forming helium. The nucleus of hydrogen is composed of a particle known as a proton and another particle known as a neutron. The nucleus has a positive charge and the law of physics sets down the rule that positively charged particles repel each other. Thus it would be necessary to force the positively charged hydrogen nuclei into helium nucleus.

And that is where atomic energy comes into the picture again. It is known that when uranium or plutonium in the atomic bomb explodes in chain reaction, tremendous amounts of energy and heat are released, it levelled Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On the basis of that, scientists may be working on using exploding uranium or plutonium to trigger or release heat that will start chain reaction of fusion between hydrogen atoms. Thus the hydrogen-helium bomb may be a double action operation, atomic energy first and then solar energy resulting from hydrogen into helium.

No scientist has made the "blue print" of how a mixture of uranium or plutonium and hydrogen would be placed in a "model bomb" but such "details" may probably be regarded as engineering problems that can be overcome with the same emphasis in force that was exercised in the drive to make the first atomic bomb.

Many scientists were skeptical that the atomic bomb could be made. In fact only \$5,000,000 was first appropriated for the atomic bomb project. As work progressed, money was made abundant with no questions until \$2,000,000,000 was spent. The atomic bomb was born. The cycle may be in for a repeat performance—United Press.

FAO DISCUSSION

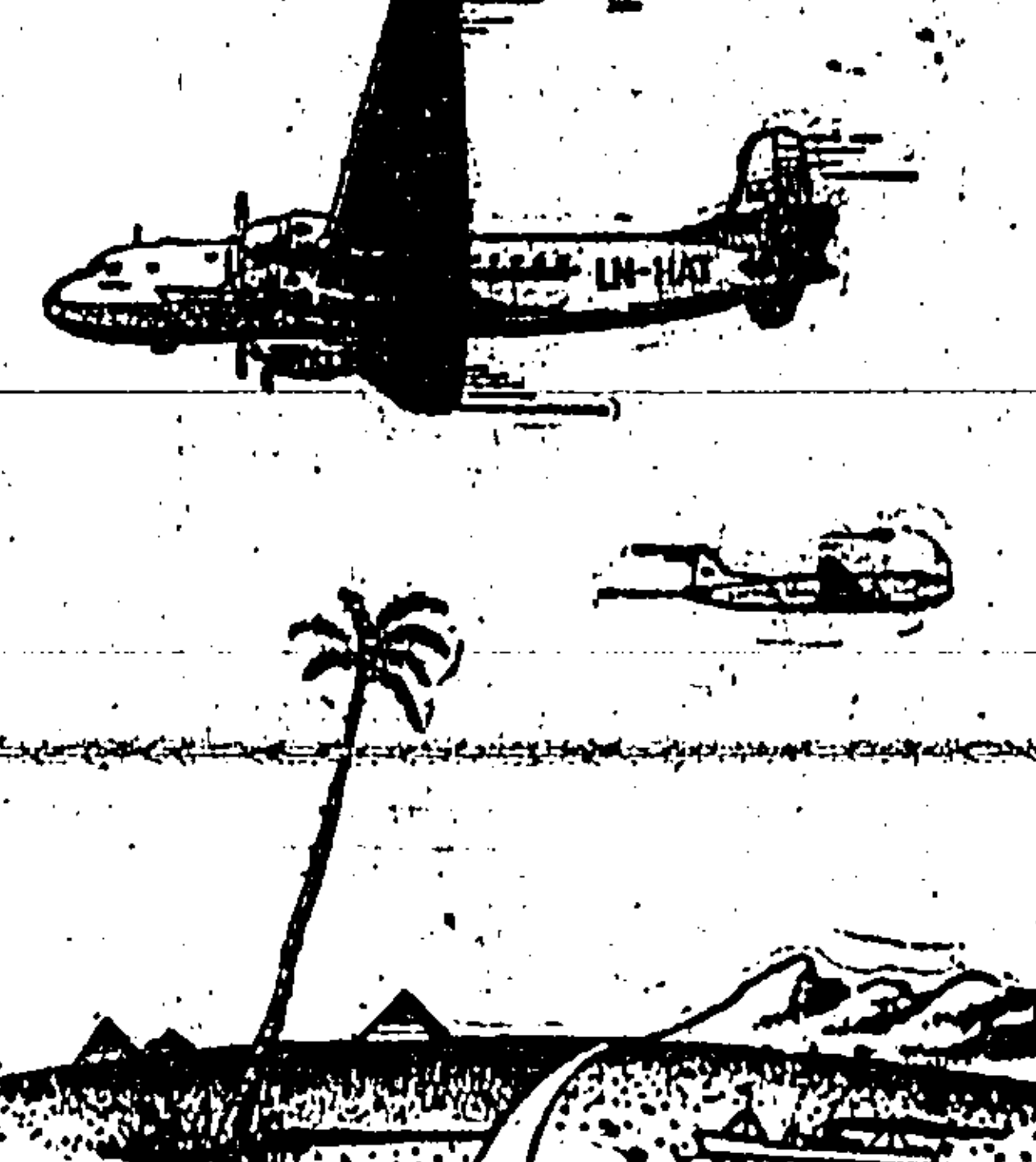
Rangoon, January 31. Improvement of rice for the consumer was the main point in today's discussions of the Food and Agricultural Organisation's Nutrition Committee for South East Asia.

The Committee also discussed the problem of improving and supplementing rice diets, and the need for better co-ordination between food policy-makers and nutritionists—Reuter.

MP's EXPELLED

Rangoon, January 31. Members of parliament, mainly Kachins and Communists, who have taken part in Burma's rebellion have been expelled from Parliament for absencing themselves without leave—Associated Press.

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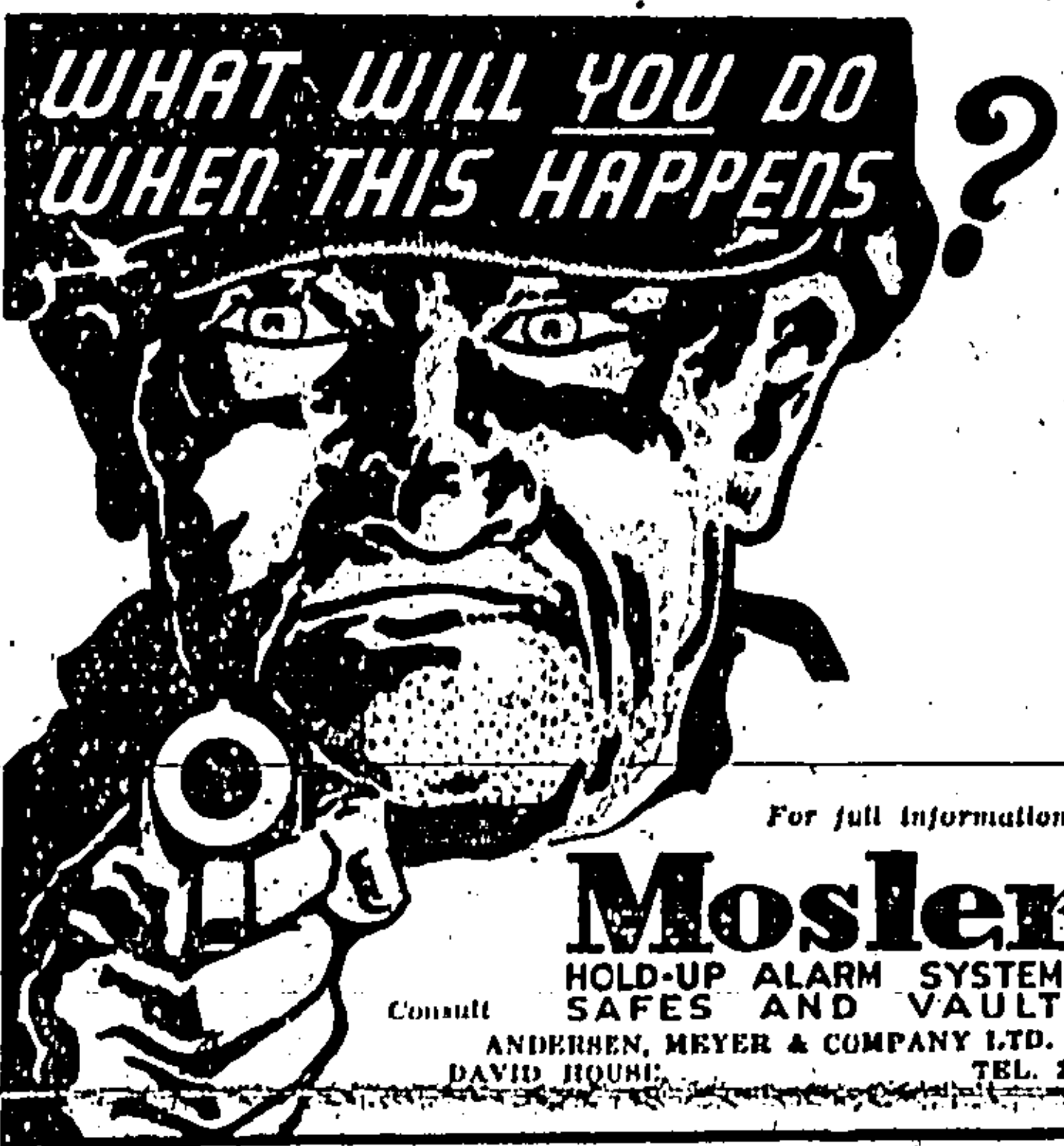
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New Transmitter, A new British plane Receiver for aircraft use

Radio in aircraft, long recognised as one of the most valuable aids to safety in flying, may in time become an essential piece of equipment for the private owner.

Whether this arises from legislation or follows naturally from the daily demonstrations of the convenience of radio at any busy airfield, the facilities required from the radio apparatus are likely to be similar.

They may be summarised as reliable two-way contact with the ground by telephony in the VHF band used for airfield control, involving only the simplest switching operations; and provision for a passenger to operate the equipment when convenient, and to have intercommunication with the pilot.

The new BRT.600 single-channel VHF transmitter-receiver has been designed by the GEC of England to fulfil these conditions while keeping within strict limits of size and weight.

The transmitter-receiver and power supply chassis are fitted together to form a single unit measuring only 3-7/8 in. wide by 7-1/4 in. high by 9-1/2 in. deep, and weighing 8.2 lb.

Interconnection is provided by a multi-way plug and socket that engage when the two chassis are fitted together. The complete assembly fits into the standard SBAC racking system designed for civil aircraft, and a connection panel for attachment to the racking is arranged to receive a plug at the rear of the power unit chassis when the equipment is installed.

Control of equipment
Control of the equipment is effected remotely by means of a Type BRT.610 control box fitted in the cockpit. On the face of the box are mounted an on-off switch, volume control, and receive-transmit switch, the latter being spring-biased so as to remain at "receive" except when held depressed.

Extension leads can be fitted from this switch if desired to a "press-to-talk" switch mounted in the most convenient position for operation by the pilot during flight. Provision is made also for the use of a remote low-resistance volume control.

Inter-communication between pilot and passenger is available when the control box switch is at "receive," and the speech level can be adjusted by means of the volume controls mentioned above.

Of the 11 valves in the transmitter-receiver, four are used during both transmission and reception. These are the crystal oscillator and multiplier in the transmitter, which serve also as a local heterodyne oscillator for the receiver; and the two audio-frequency stages used for transmitter modulation and amplification of the receiver output.

The oscillator section of the first stage in the transmitter is controlled at one-twelfth of the final radiated frequency by a crystal contained in an evacuated glass envelope. Multiplication also takes place in this stage, its output circuit being tuned to four times crystal frequency.

The next multiplier stage raises the frequency to 12 times that

of the crystal, and is capacity-coupled to the final stage. An eddy-current tuner, adjustable from the front of the unit is provided in the output circuit, and pre-set inductive coupling is used to the coaxial aerial socket.

H.T. is removed
When the transmit-receive switch is at "receive," a crystal spaced, one-twelfth of the I.F. from the operating frequency is switched into circuit to replace the transmitting crystal, and H.T. is removed from the transmitter output stage.

The output tank circuit remains in use, however, as the tuned grid circuit of the receiver R.F. amplifier, so that no aerial changeover switch is required. A mixer stage, where local oscillations from the transmitter second multiplier stage beat with the incoming signal, precedes two I.F. amplifiers operating at 4.88 Mc/s. The final stage in the receiver is a double-diode for signal and A.V.C. voltage rectification, its A.F. output being applied to the two-stage modulation amplifier before reaching the phones.

A second double-diode in the receiver is connected as a limiter for the suppression of ignition and other noise pulses.

All changes of connections for receiving or transmitting are performed by a miniature sealed relay mounted on the chassis. In the "receive" position, the secondary of the microphone transformer remains connected to the modulating amplifier input, enabling this amplifier to be used for intercommunication, since one of the two secondaries of its output transformer is connected to the phones.

The other secondary is in series with the H.T. feed to the transmitter power amplifier to provide anode modulation on "transmit."

Power supplies for the equipment are taken from a rotary transformer, available for either 12V. or 24V. d.c. input. The same transmitter-receiver chassis is used with either type. A smoothing circuit is provided in the output from the rotary transformer, and all leads to the unit are provided with R.F. filtering and screening.

The transmitter-receiver can be set up for operation on any frequency in the range from 117.5 to 131.9 Mc/s, and therefore covers the general R/T guard frequency of 118.1 Mc/s. The transmitter power output is 0.25 watts, and the receiver will give a maximum of 200 mW. into a 50-ohm load. Normally the equipment would be operated with a quarter-wave whip aerial mounted against the metal skin of the aircraft, or other equivalent ground plane, connection being made by a coaxial feeder.



THE BRISTOL TYPE "175"

Preliminary details of new Bristol "175"

Preliminary details of the "Bristol" Type "175" civil airliner, 25 of which are on order, for BOAC have been released by the Bristol Aeroplane Company.

This aircraft was originally designated the Medium Range Empire type, and three were ordered by the Ministry of Supply in October 1947.

Later it developed into an aircraft of much longer range and the initial order for 25 was placed by BOAC.

The Bristol "175" will go into service at the end of 1953 or beginning of 1954 and the first production models to be delivered will be powered by Bristol Centaurus engines.

The "175" is an all-metal low wing, four-engine monoplane with a pressurised fuselage. The principal dimensions are: span 140 ft., length 114 ft., height 39 1/2 ft., wing area 2,055 sq. ft.

The basic aircraft has accommodation for 50 passengers, with separate dressing rooms for men and women. This normal version is readily convertible to accommodate up to 62 passengers but can be swiftly re-converted, when necessary, to take the basic passenger load. Alternatively, the structure allows for the installation of a smaller number of day chairs or "sleepers." Layout includes an electric galley for heating pre-frozen meals, as well as a buffet for cold snacks and drinks.

BOAC's experience is being freely drawn upon to ensure that highest standards of passenger comfort are achieved and internal layout will be planned in close consultation with their technical staff. Particular attention will be paid to soundproofing.

The aircraft can be powered either by four "Bristol" Proteus propeller-turbines or by four "Bristol" Centaurus 603 piston engines.

Other main features include: fully feathering and braking propellers; full provision for thermal de-icing and for a wide range of radio and radar equipment.

With Centaurus engines, the aircraft will be capable of carrying 17,610 lb. at all altitudes up to the normal operating altitude of approximately 20,000 ft. over a distance of 2,300 nautical miles.

It will be able to clear a 50 ft. screen when taking off in still air from a level paved runway at sea level will be 4,100 ft. This distance increases to 5,640 ft. in an ambient temperature of 27 deg. C. from a runway at a pressure altitude of 5,500 ft.

Powered by Proteus turbines, the Type 175 will be capable of carrying a payload of 17,610 lb. over a distance of 2,300 nautical miles in still air, at a mean cruising speed of 295 knots T.A.S. and mean altitude of 20,000 ft.

It will be able to clear a 50 ft. screen within 4,200 ft. when taking off in still air from a level paved runway at a pressure altitude of 5,500 ft.

A typical make-up of the payload of 17,610 lb. quoted above is as follows: 50 day passengers at 160 lb. each, 8,000 lb.; passengers' personal luggage at 5 lb. each, 400 lb.; passengers' heavy baggage in hold at 50 lb. each, 3,500 lb.; consumable food and drink stock at 8 lb. per passenger, 400 lb.; freight, mail, diplomatic mail and bullion, 5,610 lb.

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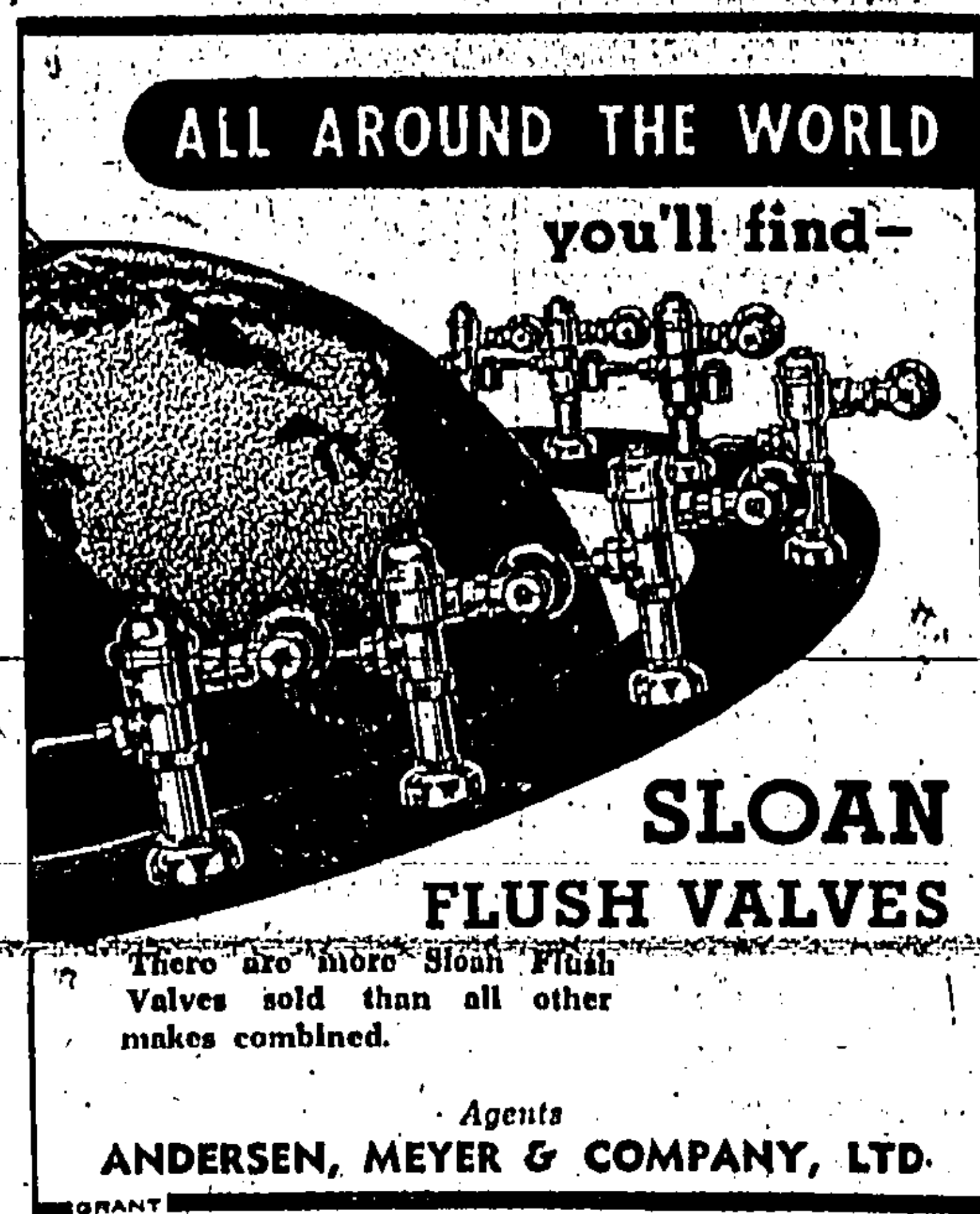
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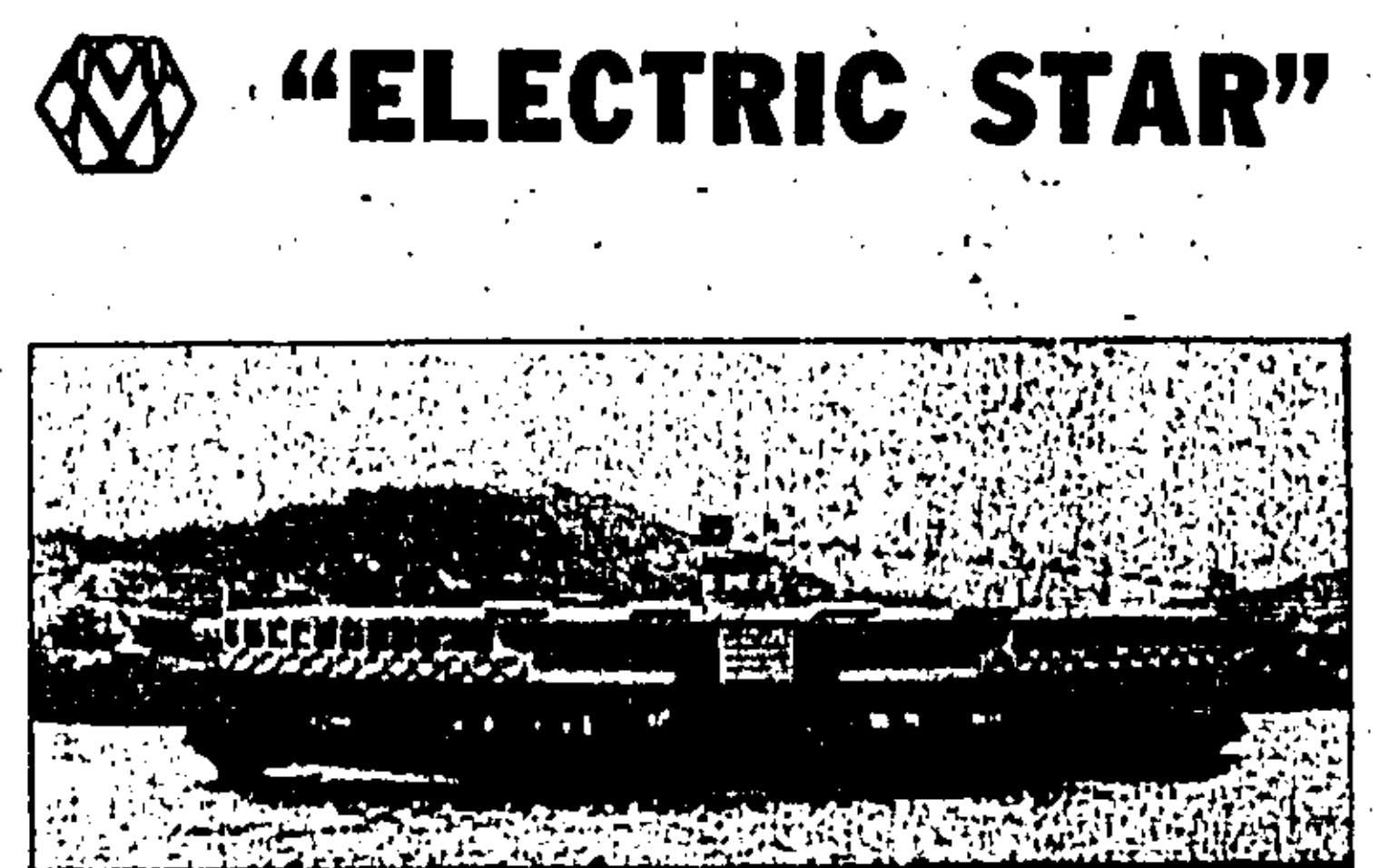


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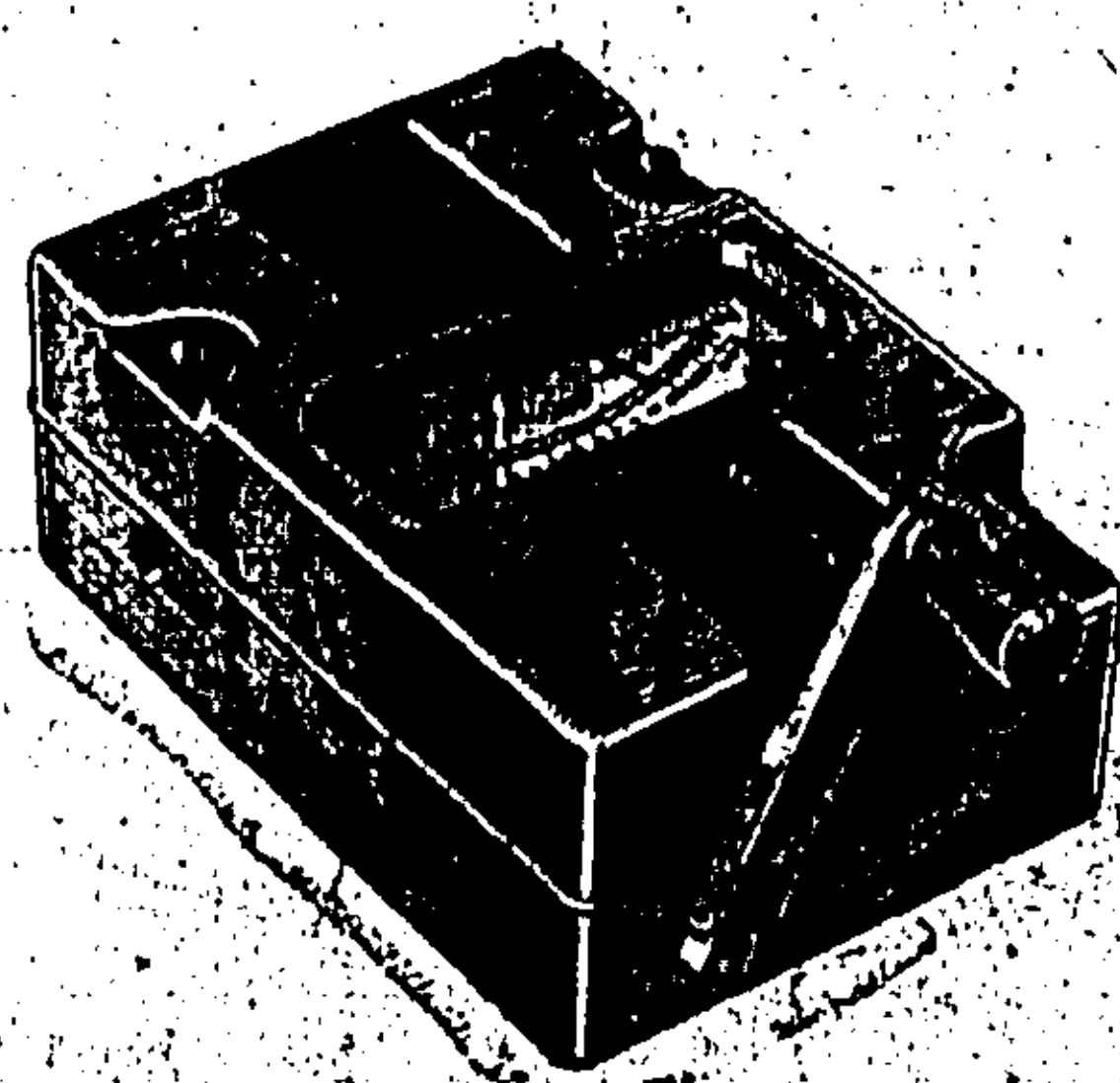
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FRANCE PROTESTS TO RUSSIA AGAINST RECOGNITION OF HO

Move serious threat to Franco-Soviet relations

Paris, January 31.

France, in a note handed to the Soviet Embassy here tonight, formally protested against Russia's recognition of the Indo-Chinese autonomy movement led by Ho Chi-minh.

The note said that the Soviet decision, announced during the night, is of a nature to impair seriously Franco-Soviet relations.

Mr. Alexandre Parodi, Secretary-General of the French Foreign Ministry, handed in the note at the Soviet Embassy.

JORDAN TO EXTEND FRONTIERS

London, January 31.

Reports from Amman that the Kingdom of Jordan is to establish a Coast Guard unit as part of a plan for the extension of her armed forces have aroused considerable speculation in diplomatic quarters in London about the probable future frontiers of the Jordan territory.

At present Jordan's strip of coastal area containing the port of Akaba is of almost negligible size. It is of considerable strategic importance and is garrisoned by British troops.

In usually well-informed quarters here it is thought that the formation of a Jordan Coast Guard unit must point to expansion in Amman of securing a corridor to the Mediterranean as part of the final territorial settlement in Palestine.

The existing negotiations of the peace terms between Israel and Jordan have so far remained a closely guarded secret, but it is known that among the aims of the Jordan Government are the incorporation of Arab Palestine and access to the Mediterranean.

There is some reason to expect that the Jordan Government wishes to complete the negotiations with Israel before the spring and is preparing forces to take over permanently the Palestinian territory which it expects to acquire.

The decision to expand the armed forces as well as the intention to form a Coast Guard unit point to this end, observers believe.

Officials deny that Britain has recognised the incorporation of Arab Palestine into Jordan, but it is thought in usually well-informed quarters that Britain will withhold if an agreement on the subject is reached between Israel and Jordan.

A Foreign Office spokesman, when asked whether the terms of the Anglo-Jordan Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Assistance would apply to Arab Palestine, it was incorporated into Jordan, admitted that the matter is under consideration. He said that no decision had been taken.

The issue is an important one since Britain would be liable to defend Arab Palestine if incorporated in Jordan if the Treaty is construed to cover subsequent accessions of territory.—Reuter.

ARABS ACCUSED BY ZIONIST

London, January 31.

The American Zionist leader, Rabbi I. Goldstein, said today that Israel's neighbours are preparing for a second round of Israel-Arab conflict.

"Shipment of arms to Israel's neighbours is regarded with alarm by the Israeli people," he said.

Rabbi Goldstein, Chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists, said: "Jewish Zionist organisations of the world have to revise their programmes now that their first objective—the state of Israel—has been achieved."

Rabbi Goldstein, reporting on his tour of Israel, said, "The misery there is not exaggerated. Israel is not yet out of danger. It needs moral and dollar help, otherwise the living standard now prevailing will have to be reduced."—United Press.

PAINTER DEAD

London, January 31.

Miss Ethel Gabain, painter and lithographer, has died in her home in London. She was the wife of Mr. John Copley, also an artist.

A frail, little, grey-haired woman, she was chosen in the last war as official painter of "Women in Wartime" and depicted steps, mills, aircraft factories, lumber camps, cantons and the like.—Associated Press.

Tibet appeals for aid; wants help against Chinese Communists

New Delhi, January 31.

A thin, wavering voice calling from the world's roof-top today appealed for help for Tibet in opposing the Chinese Communist armies threatening the Dalai Lama's domain.

Feeble broadcasts were heard from a station calling itself Radio Tibet between 10.50 a.m. and 1 p.m. GMT. The voice, speaking in English, said the Dalai Lama's Government was shocked at the threat of Communist invasion and appealed to all neighbouring countries to help Tibet oppose the Chinese Reds.

Tibet Government radio facilities are believed to be operated by Reginald Fox, a Briton who has lived in Tibet for many years and who is married to a Tibetan.

A despatch from Kalimpong reported that Tibet Radio will start regular broadcasts in English, Chinese and Tibetan on Wednesday.

The Tibet broadcasts were on the 41 metre wave band at 7.2 megacycles and were heard at various points in India.

The fading voice said that the Tibetan Government, "in the interests of the people of Tibet", felt obliged to issue a communiqué in reply to the Chinese Communist claims.

"Peking Radio is repeatedly putting out its intentions of liberating Tibet. It has called upon the Tibetan people to overthrow the Dalai Lama and his Government. But Tibet will definitely oppose Chinese claims that she is part of China. She has never recognised Chinese suzerainty.

Government and its Holiness are shocked at the threat of Communist invasion. The Tibetan people enjoy a profound religious bondage from which they desire no liberation. They are firmly resolved to protect His Holiness, their religion and their country and lives.

"For 38 years now Tibet has enjoyed the fruits of independence and in the year which corresponds to the year 1912 of the English calendar Tibet expelled from her territory the army of the Manchurian Emperor and all remaining Chinese authority.

"Due to the unsatisfactory state of world affairs in recent times, the Government has taken religious and security measures. His Holiness the Dalai Lama has thought it wise to adopt a policy of seclusion, which unfortunately in some quarters has been misunderstood. Tibet has merely wished to remain secluded, but friendly with all neighbours."—United Press.

Soviet walkers-out refuse to walk in

Tokyo, February 1.

The Russian delegates reversed their tactics at the Allied Council meeting today by refusing to walk in.

At the three previous meetings the delegation walked out when members tried to discuss the alleged Russian failure to repatriate over 36,000 Japanese prisoners of war.

Lieutenant-General Kuzma Dorozynko, in a letter read by the United States Chairman, Mr. William Sebald, repeated his argument that the Council's discussion of the subject was unlawful and announced that since it was again placed on the agenda the Russian delegation would not attend the meeting.

An indefinite Russian boycott was foreshadowed when the British Commonwealth member, Mr. Hodgson, today again placed the item on the agenda for the next fortnightly meeting of the Council.

Mr. Sebald said thousands of Japanese, who had petitioned the Council for the return of their missing relatives, were hardly likely to agree to the Russian contention that the Council's discussion of the subject was unlawful, either on legal or moral grounds. Statements by recently repatriated prisoners showed that there are still thousands of Japanese held in Russian camps within a limited area of which they have knowledge.

Thousands more are being held on suspicion of so-called war crimes, said the Chairman. Many have already been convicted and sentenced, nearly always to 25 years' imprisonment. However, altogether they represent only a small proportion of those missing.

Missing U.S. consular official safe

Fairfax, California.

Mr. Douglas MacKernan, an American Vice-Consul, is safe after a hazardous journey out of China, his wife here has been informed by the United States State Department.

The Chinese Communists accused Mr. MacKernan of "spying" and no news had been received from him since last September when he left Yihwa, capital of China's vast North West border Province of Sinkiang, under State Department orders, to cross the Himalayas to India.

In a telephone call to Mrs. MacKernan, a State Department spokesman said a very feeble radio message had been received from her husband saying, "I am safe and well. Expect to return in the spring."—Reuter.

ECONOMIC MISSION TO ORIENT

Washington, January 31.

Mr. Robert West, high in the Economic Section of the U. S. Army, is in the Orient to spearhead a study of Far Eastern economics. The hope is that the study will provide a means to stabilise the Orient's economy and politics.

Mr. West's arrival in Tokyo a few days ago was dismissed there as a routine visit to see how Japan is getting on with its recovery.

The trip is of far greater significance and will take Mr. West and other experts to various Oriental nations during the next few months. The prime objective is to reinvigorate commerce among Far East countries and make them less dependent upon Western nations for their well-being.

Mr. West and his associates are to visit almost all Far East countries that have not come under Communist control.

Mr. West is the chief Deputy to Mr. Tracy Voorhees, Under-Secretary of the Army. He is giving his entire time to Japan's economic problems and related matters. He has been in the Far East several times before.

Various experts are associated with Mr. West in carrying out this special mission, which has the enthusiastic support of General Douglas MacArthur and Mr. Voorhees.

A prominent member of the group is Mr. Stanley Andrews, Trade and Economics Expert of the Department of Agriculture, who until recently was playing a prominent part in the revival of trade of West Germany. Mr. Andrews joined the group in the Orient after attending a meeting of the International Wheat Agreement Council in London. There, he sought to have the Council accept Japan and Western Germany as Wheat Agreement members. Due to the opposition of Great Britain, approval was withheld and is to be considered again late in February.—Associated Press.

Recognition by North Korea

Seoul, February 1.

The North Korean Government radio at Pyongyang announced last night that the North Korean Government has recognised Ho Chi-minh's Viet Nam regime in Indo-China.

The Communist-dominated Russian-supported North Koreans thus join Red China and Russia in recognition of Ho.—Associated Press.

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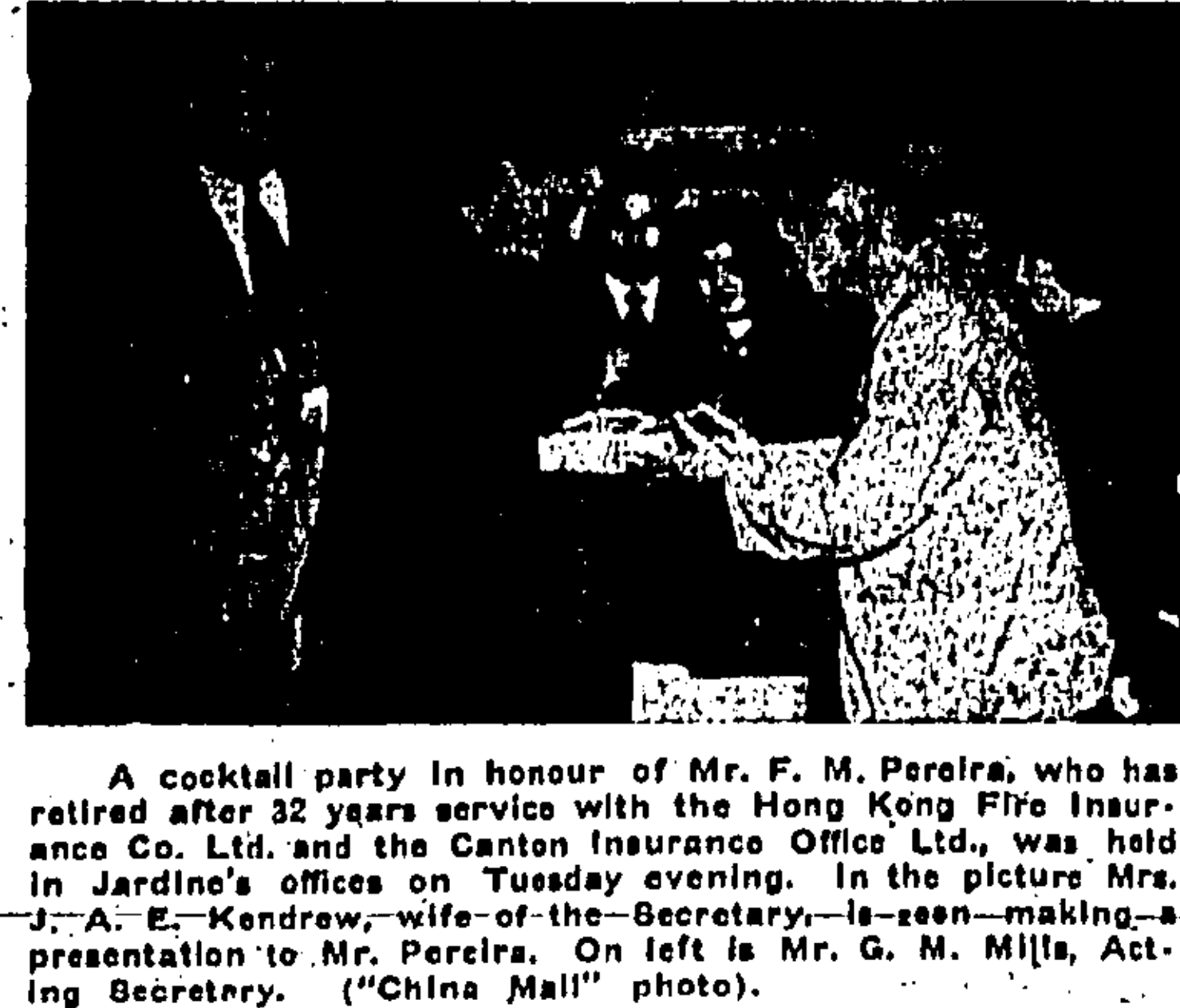
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Joint aid plan for Taiwan and Korea approved

Washington, January 31.
Economic aid for Korea was wrapped up in the same bundle with similar assistance for the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan today. That gives the Korea project a new chance in the House which turned it down weeks ago.

Verdict in Truculent inquest

Gillingham, January 31.
The local Coroner found today that there had been no gross negligence "amounting to criminal negligence" in the deaths of 10 of the 64 victims of the sinking of the submarine Truculent in the Thames Estuary on January 12.

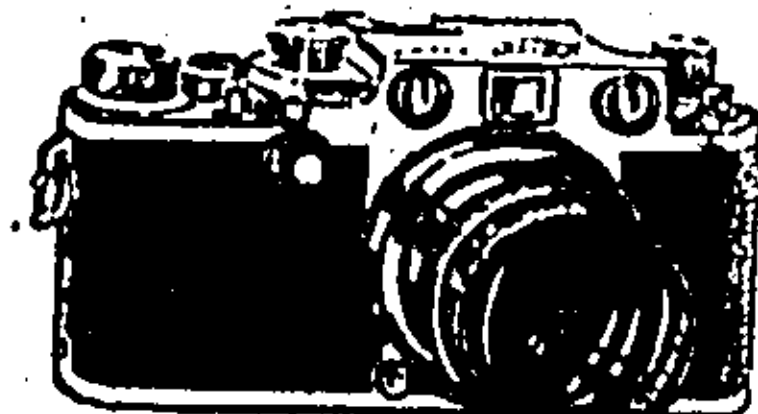
Truculent went to the bottom after being in collision with the 643-ton Swedish tanker Divina. Only 10 bodies have been recovered. The Coroner, Mr. W. J. Barrie, found that these men's deaths were accidental. He added: "It is not for me to say which of these two vessels was at fault in civil law."

KEEPING CHECK ON LETTERS

Prague, January 31.
From tomorrow—all mail—sent from Czechoslovakia abroad must bear the name and address of the sender, who must deliver the mail to the post office in person with proof of his identity.

Letters addressed for abroad which are dropped into letter boxes will be returned to the sender in Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

Bordeaux, January 31.
Madame Saint-Saens, widow of the famous French composer, Camille Saint-Saens, died at Bordeaux yesterday, aged 94.—Associated Press.



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The new package looked much better to some of the lawmakers who struck at Administration policy in the Orient by rejecting the Korean plan when it was offered alone.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee did the wrap-up job, putting together \$80,000,000 for Korea, the amount originally refused, and \$28,000,000 for Taiwan.

At the same time the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the \$28,000,000 for Taiwan. The Senate has already passed the Korea proposal.

Chairman John Kee of the House Rules Committee said the Korea-Taiwan combine will be sent to the Rules Committee on Wednesday for an early place on the House programme.

Technically the Taiwan measure only extends to next June 30, the expiration date of an aid programme now set to end on February 15. There is now \$103,000,000 in unexpended funds for China available to the Economic Co-operation Administration.

Assurances given

But Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee told a news conference that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, gave the Committee assurances that the Taiwan outlays will not go past \$28,000,000. No money will be spent on the Communist-dominated mainland.

Without Congressional action Korean aid will also end on February 15. The \$80,000,000 is planned to round out a \$120,000,000 non-military aid plan for the infant South Korean Republic in this fiscal year ending June 30.

Secretary Acheson told the House Foreign Affairs Committee last week the State Department will come back in fiscal 1951 and 1952 for more money to put the post-war nation on its feet and help it hold out against Soviet-dominated North Korea.—Associated Press.

MEAT SHIPS TO BE UNLOADED

London, January 31.
The Food Ministry said today that it is unloading five of the 15 ships used as floating refrigerated warehouses for Britain's meat supply.

The ships, where a total of 15,000 tons of meat has been stored, will be put back into service transporting supplies from abroad.

Aboard the 10 remaining ships are meat cargoes totalling 31,000 tons.

There is no significance about the unloading of the ships, a Ministry spokesman said. "They were only taken on charter for a limited period and are needed to transport more meat from abroad."

The London Press noted that the move coincides with the resumption of talks between Britain and Argentina on the price of meat to be shipped to Britain from Buenos Aires.

The ships were hired when the sighting of home-grown meat produced a seasonal glut last year.—Associated Press.

TUC APPEALS FOR VOTE FOR LABOUR

London, January 31.
The 8,000,000-member Trades Union Congress appealed tonight "to all workers to vote Labour at this most crucial election."

"Few people in this country or in the world have anything to gain from a change in the Government of Britain", the TUC said in a 700-word statement on the February 23 general election.

"Working people have a great deal to lose."

The statement said the TUC gratefully acknowledges the financial help Great Britain has received since the end of the war from the U.S. and countries of the Commonwealth.

"But", it said, "it is basically as a result of the material enlargement and a more equitable distribution of our own country's resources that wages, working hours and conditions of labour have been improved and means have been found for the building up of our social services."

"And we claim, too, for Labour Britain full credit for the help we have given to other countries in the reconstruction of their war-devastated countries."

The TUC said the Labour Government built up the strongest and most comprehensive system of social security that the world has yet seen.

"In the years between the two world wars, we learned by bitter experience the social and economic consequences of the dull and deflationary policies pursued by other governments."

Observers believe the statement was inspired partly by the fact that a large section of the Trade Union movement is hostile to the Labour Government's economic policy of "wage freezing."

Parliamentary quarters read into it also the recognition that the coveted "floating vote," which is expected to decide the Election, exists more within the industrial ranks than among the so-called middle class.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, charged last night that Conservative "men of Munich and mass unemployment" are using Winston Churchill as a front to seize real power in Britain.

Mr. Wilson, who has negotiated most of the bilateral trade agreements and bulk purchases in the Labour Government's defence of the Labour policy of full employment and fair shares for all, and accused the Tories of having a policy which adds up to "Empty bellies are the only things that will make Britons work."

Mr. Wilson spoke to a political rally at Norwich.

One certain thing in the election; the Treasury will be several thousand pounds richer.

The money will come from the candidates who lose their £150 election deposits by failing to poll one-eighth of the total vote in their constituencies.

A survey made tonight indicates that the bulk of the money will probably come from Communist and Liberal candidates.

In the 1945 election, 140 candidates failed to get that vital one-eighth vote and lost a total of £22,350. Of these 13 were Communists and 67 were Liberals.

But the Communists only entered 22 constituencies in 1945. This year they are fielding about 100. The Liberals who ran 100 in 1945 are putting up some 425. The Liberals won 10 seats and the Communists two in 1945.

Should the percentages run the same, Communist and Liberal deposits will fall into the Treasury's lap, like apples from a rainstorm.

Chances of losing

In 1945, 37 of the Independent Conservatives were swept out of office in the 1945 Labour landslide but lost only five deposits.

With nearly 2,000 candidates of all parties going to the polls, their deposits represent about £230,000.

Only 625 of them can win seats in the House of Commons. And the chances of losing their deposit

are high in constituencies where there is a four or five way fight. The candidates raise the £150 deposits in various ways.

The Conservatives leave the matter up to each candidate to work out with his own constituency. The local Conservative Association may help him as it sees fit. But, add the Conservatives: "We do not guarantee a candidate against the loss in this respect because we do not consider he will lose it."

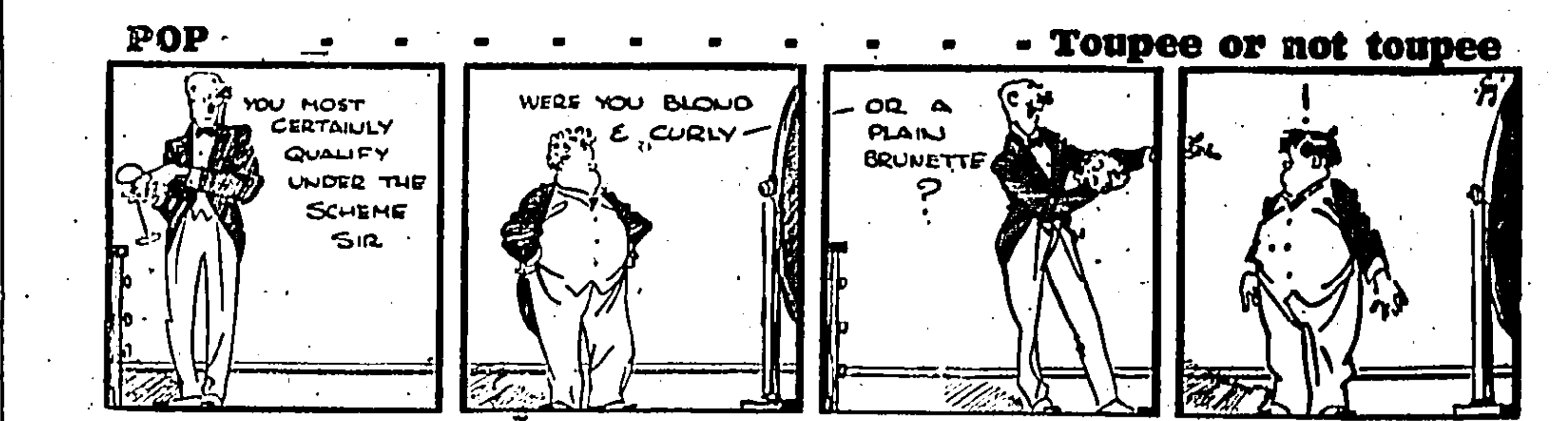
Labour system

The Labour Party has a system of insurance within the party. If a candidate loses his deposit he loses only the amount he put into the insurance fund.

It is possible, too, to insure deposits. Insurance companies calculate the candidates' chances slowly. The premium gets pretty stiff for candidates considered risky outsiders.

The Liberal Party said its candidates are getting the deposit money from their constituencies. "Liberals are always prepared to pay the piper," said a Liberal spokesman.

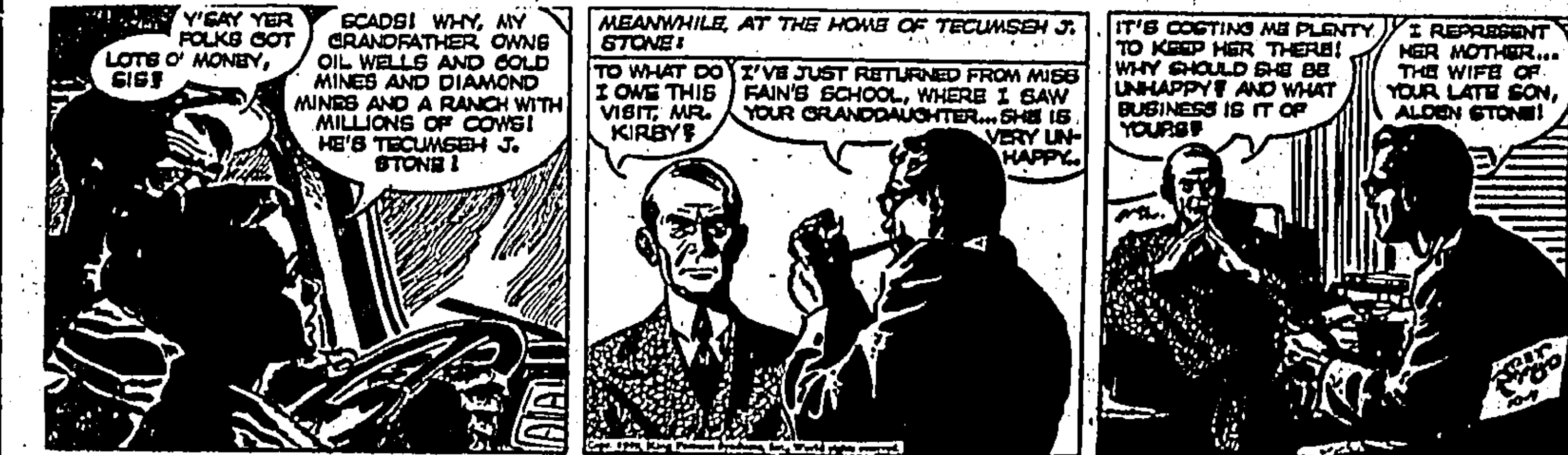
So, apparently, are the Communists. Said a Communist Party spokesman: "Our candidates are raising money in the constituencies and every candidate has already obtained sufficient to guarantee his £150 deposit."—Associated Press, United Press and Reuter.



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PURGE IN EASTERN GERMANY

Berlin, January 31.

Politically "unreliable" members of the two bourgeois parties in Eastern Germany continued to fall from power or took on their pedestals all over the Soviet Zone today.

The Socialist Unity Party paper, "Neues Deutschland," took up the purge in its editorial, "The Party Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union in Saxony-Anhalt," on account of a speech he made last week.

The party chairman for Leipzig, Herr Autang, was also criticised for defending Professor Hugo Fleckmann, chairman for Saxony, who resigned on Sunday.

Dr. Siegfried Witte, the Finance Minister for Mecklenburg, has resigned, the East German news agency, ADN, confirmed.

The Executive of the Christian Democratic Union in Brandenburg (the "Brandenburgische Volkszeitung") undertakes an inquiry into the reliability of Dr. Fritz Schwob, Labour Minister in Brandenburg, who is reported to have spoken against the formation of the East German Republic last year.

"The East German newspaper, 'Neues Deutschland,' commented today: 'The Christian Democratic Union must pluck up still greater courage and resolution for the fulfilment of its task.'—Reuter.

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H.K.T.	
P.M.	
12.30—"Home Kongs Calling"—Programme Summary.	
12.35—"Echoes of Harlem."	
1.00—"10th Lament and Her Orchestra Play some Waltzes and Tangoes."	
1.15—"News, Weather Report and Announcements."	
1.25—"From the Shows."	
2.00—"Close Down."	
2.00—"Home Kongs Calling"—Programme Summary.	
6.02—"London Promenade Orchestra."	
6.22—"A Short Organ Recital by Dr. George Thalben Hall. (H.K.T.)"	
6.30—"La Domini-Principale (Studio)"	
7.00—"World News and News Analysis (London Review)"	
7.15—"Sports Review (Studio)"	
7.30—"Take It From Here"—A Variety Programme with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (H.K.T.)	
8.00—"From the Editorials"—(London Review)	
8.10—"It's Dancing Time"—With the Dance Orchestra of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. (Relay from the Dance Education Co.)	
8.10—"The Importance of Being Earnest"—by Oscar Wilde. The Three Parts Adapted for Broadcasting & Produced by Peter Beale. (Studio)	
10.00—"Radio News, World, (London Relay)"	
10.15—"Weather Report."	
10.15—"Gerard Manley Hopkins"—A talk originally broadcast over The BBC by Kathleen Hale. Read by David Keith Hardy. (Studio)	
10.30—"Thursday Serenade"—A Programme of Continous Music Arranged by Betty Brown.	
11.00—"Soft Lights and Sweet Music."	
11.15—"Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay)"	
11.30—"Close Down."	

Rediffusion

A.M.	
7.00—"Up With the Sun."	
7.15—"Setting up Exercises."	
7.30—"Musical Clock."	
7.45—"The Ransom Light Programme."	
8.15—"News and Weather Forecast."	
8.15—"Music by Magnifico."	
8.30—"Morning Music."	
9.00—"Console & Keyboard."	
10.00—"Music For All."	
11.00—"The Four Seasons."	
11.15—"Waltz Time."	
11.30—"Parade of Rhythms."	

P.M.

12.15—"J.K. Stock Exchange."	
12.15—"Time Time."	
12.30—"From The Plaza."	
1.00—"Light Varieties."	
1.30—"Orchestra of The Week."	
2.00—"Variety Call The Tune."	
4.00—"The Novelties Trio."	
4.15—"Trocadero."	
4.30—"Jazz Varieties."	
5.00—"Music Matrix."	
5.15—"Children's Corner."	
5.30—"Movie Time."	
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SHIP	FROM	DATE
"CLEO"	N.Y. & GULF PORTS.	7th Feb.
"DINGWALL"	NEW YORK	Abt. 15th Feb.
"ANDREAS"	GALVESTON	23rd Feb.
"AGATHI"	EAST COAST/U.S.A.	1st Mar.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

INDIA & PAKISTAN CRITICISED IN U.S.

New York, January 31.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George C. McGhee, said today that both India and Pakistan are going to have great difficulty in achieving any considerable economic development unless they clarify certain Government policies.

These policies, he claimed, are restraining their progress.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A small turnover, with nothing noteworthy, attached.

4% Loan 101 1/2.

Chartered Bank 210 9/16.

Merchants Bank A. & B. 22 1/2.

Bank of East Asia 11 1/2.

Bank of China 10 1/2.

Bank of India 10 1/2.

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Ominous statement in Berlin

Berlin, January 31.

The Russian-controlled railway management in Berlin hinted tonight that the future of railborne supplies from Western Germany is precarious.

Max Kellner, Railway Vice-President, said that "organised gangs" had begun large-scale sabotage last night against rail installations in the Allied sectors "under the very eyes of West Berlin police."

"These actions affect international traffic," Herr Kellner asserted. "A repetition of them could make the supply of Berlin's population a difficult problem."

The implied threat to rail transport came as Russian technicalities continued to slow down Berlin-bound lorries on the Soviet zone frontier.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, January 31.

Crude rubber number one futures closed 20 lower to nine higher. Sales 140 contracts.

March 18.05-09.

May 18.38-44.

July 17.05.

September 17.70 bid.

Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets 18-3/4 nominal.—Associated Press.

YUKON RESCUE

White Horse, Yukon, Jan. 31.

A rescue party which returned on the snow trail of a U.S. Army Dakota pilot, brought in five survivors from his crashed plane today.

The heroic pilot early today staggered through snow up to his waist to reach the Alaska Highway South West of White Horse and gave the first news of the crash.

Three of the survivors are injured and two unharmed.

TORONTO FAIR

Toronto, January 31.

The 1950 Canadian International trade fair will be held at Toronto's exhibition park from May 20 to June 9.

Forty per cent more space than was used at the 1949 fair will be available. Exhibits from all over the world in all trades and industries will be shown.—Associated Press.

ARGENTINA-JAPAN SHIPPING LINE

Buenos Aires, January 31.

The Ministry of Transport revealed yesterday that the Argentine line is studying the establishment of a shipping line between Buenos Aires and Japan.

The Ministry added that a ship of the State-owned merchant fleet will soon sail on a trial trip.—United Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "NORLANDA"

Consignees are hereby notified that captioned vessel is due in this port February 1, 1950.

All cargo will be delivered overboard to lighters at Stonecutters Dangerous Goods Anchorage. Where consignees do not provide their own lighters, the Carrier reserves the right to discharge into lighters provided by the Agent, all expenses, demurrage, etc., to be account cargo.

Optional cargo will not be discharged here unless notice has been given prior to the vessel's arrival.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, January 31.

Final prices on the stock exchange today showed a fairly even mixture of gains and losses with few issues moving more than fractions.

Turnover was about 1,700,000 shares, levelling off after the market displayed rising tendencies at the outset.

Radio, Zenith, U.S. Steel, American Telephone, Kennecott Copper, Nickel Plate and Gulf Oil.

Gainers included Montgomery Ward, Studebaker, International Harvester, Servel, Westinghouse, Union Pacific and Johns Manville.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 73.15; 20 Industrials 201.79; 15 Rails 55.09; 10 Utilities 42.22.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 21 1/2	Alaska Juneau 3 1/2
American Can 110	Smelting 80 1/2
Telephone 148	Tobacco 75
Waterworks 8 1/2	Westinghouse 29 1/2
Aviation Corp. 7	Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/2
Barnes 50	Bendix Aviation 38 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 33 1/2	Boeing Aircraft 20 1/2
Borden Co. 49 1/2	Canadian Pacific 15 1/2
J. I. Case 40 1/2	Chrysler 64 1/2
Colgate 43 1/2	Commercial Solvents 10 1/2
Corn Products 71	Du Pont 82 1/2
Eastman Kodak 40 1/2	General Electric 44 1/2
General Motors 73 1/2	Goodrich 74 1/2
Goodyear 47 1/2	Homestead Mining 40 1/2
International Harvester 27 1/2	Paper 35 1/2
Tel. & Tel 12 1/2	Johns Manville 47 1/2
Kennecott Copper 54 1/2	Montgomery Ward 50 1/2
National Distillers 23 1/2	Lead 38 1/2
New York Central 12 1/2	Packard Motors 4 1/2
Pan American Airways 9 1/2	Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2
Radio Corp. 14 1/2	Real Silk 11 1/2
Remington Rand 12 1/2	Republic Steel 25 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2	Schenley 33 1/2
Sears Roebuck 41 1/2	Shell Oil 36 1/2
Socoy Vacuum 10 1/2	Southern Pacific 52 1/2
Standards Brands 22	Oil of Calif. 63 1/2
Oil of N. J. 68 1/2	Studebaker 27 1/2
Union Bag 28 1/2	Carbide 44 1/2
US Rubber 41	Steel 28 1/2
Lines 17	Westinghouse 32
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 70 1/2	Gen. Pub. Utilities 10 1/2
Higher in the curb were California Electric Power, Greco Petroleum, Ford Motor Company of Canada and Niagara Hudson Power.—Associated Press.	



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"President McKinley"	Arr. Feb. 14	Sails Feb. 15
"President Taft"	Arr. Feb. 20	Sails Feb. 27

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON via PACIFIC COAST & PANAMA

"President Grant"	Arr. Feb. 9	Sails Feb. 10
"Marine Snapper"	Arr. Feb. 10	Sails Feb. 20

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SHIP	FROM	DATE
"BENALDER"	U.K. via Singapore, on or abt.	10th Feb.
"BENMHOR"	"	12th Feb.
"BENAVON"	"	28th Feb.
"BENALBANACH"	"	28th Feb.
"BENVENUE"	"	12th Mar.
"BENVANNOC"	"	20th Mar.
"BENLAWERS"	"	27th Mar.
"BENLEDI"	"	7th Apr.
"BENNATOW"	"	12th Apr.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	DATE
"BENALDER"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	16th Feb.
"BENNATOW"	"	16th Apr.
"BENMHOR"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull.	16th Feb.
"BENVANNOC"	"	24th Mar.
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Glasgow, London, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp.	28th Feb.
"BENVENUE"	"	16th Mar.
"BENLAWERS"	"	30th Mar.

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